

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Acceptance of Indian engineering degree in Kuwait

1620 SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any bilateral agreement between Governments of India and Kuwait to accept the degree issued from both countries;
- (b) if not, whether any such negotiations is in progress, details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Interior or any Ministry other than the Ministry of Higher Education, Kuwait is authorized to accept or reject a degree from Indian University;
- (d) whether any Non- Government agencies like Kuwait Engineers Society is authorized to accept or reject a degree from Indian University; and
- (e) what are the remedial measures taken by Government if any Ministry or NGOs from Kuwait reject degree issued by Indian Universities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In Kuwait, verification of degree of employee is done by the respective Ministry in consultation with Public Authority of Manpower under Ministry of Interior.

(d) Yes, Sir. As per the Public Authority for Manpower, State of Kuwait it is mandatory to get No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) for Engineers working in Kuwait to get residency issued. Based on accreditation of institutions/ courses of engineering by NBA, KSE is accepting or rejecting NOC to the applicant at present.

(e) The Government of India through Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and its Embassy in Kuwait actively takes up such matters with the Kuwaiti side. In case of engineers, the procedural difficulties faced in obtaining NOCs were reduced following the initiation of the weekly structured engagement between our Embassy in Kuwait and the Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE). With our Embassy's efforts, Institutes of Excellence such as IITs, NITs, IISERs etc. as well as some of the streams of engineering which were earlier not considered by Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) are now accepted.
