

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1948**  
ANSWERED ON 14/03/2022

**AGREEMENT WITH GCC COUNTRIES**

1948. SHRI M.K.RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any mutual agreements for mutual recognition of higher educational and professional qualifications between India and Gulf Cooperation Council countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the following agreements have been signed with the Gulf Cooperation Council countries:

i. G2G MoU with United Arab Emirates (UAE)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MSDE and National Qualifications Authority, the Government of UAE has been signed on 29.04.2016 for Cooperation in Skill Development and Recognition of Qualifications. Under this MoU, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is working with Ministry of Human Resource and Emiritization (MoHRE) and ADQCC for benchmarking qualifications, assessment & certification for the smooth placement of Indian workers in UAE.

ii. G2G MoU with Qatar

An MoU between the Government of India and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of the Government of the State of Qatar has been signed on 05.06.2016 for Cooperation in Skill Development and Recognition of Qualifications. The objective of the MoU is recognition of professional and trade qualifications that are issued by government approved awarding bodies in both countries and recognition of expertise of workers (pre and post) in the recruitment process.

### iii. B2B MoU with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

A Business to Business MoU was signed between TakaMol Holding, a semi Government Agency under Ministry of Labor & Social Development, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and NSDC on 17.10.2019. Under the MOU, a network of Assessment Centres (Trade Test Centres)/Skill Verification Centres across India will be established to deliver assessments in the identified benchmarked qualifications to potential migrant workers.

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