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Title: Regarding problems being faced by professionals in Kuwait - Laid

SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY (MALAPPURAM): I would like to invite the attention of the Government towards a very alarming situation where thousands of Indian Engineers, including IITians, are on the verge of possible job loss in Kuwait. It is given to understand that Kuwait has decided to recognise degrees only if India's National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has approved the courses. The decision by Kuwait authorities has brought degrees by prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) under the invalidation scanner. For India, engineers were to be issued no objection certificates only if the course had been accredited by the NBA. It is quite alarming that degrees awarded by prestigious institutions like IITs are not recognised unless there is accreditation by NBA.

Recently a similar issue had cropped up in UAE where thousands of Teachers were on verge of losing their jobs on the basis of their degrees as private students and not as regular students.

I would urge upon the Ministries of HRD and MEA to immediately intervene in the matter and take up the issue with the Kuwait authorities in the larger interest of the professionals working in Kuwait.