

Title: Requested to consider sanctioning of centre for Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination in Cochin or in any other metropolitan centre of India.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Sir, the nursing graduates of our country, seeking jobs in the US hospitals, have to pass an examination called CGFNS, that is, Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools. The nearest centres of this examination are in Colombo and Bangkok.

Every year, thousands of our graduates appear for this examination and they have to spend a minimum of Rs.50,000 to go either to Colombo or to Bangkok. The US agency conducting this examination had approached our Government earlier but the permission was denied. Now, there are about 10,000 vacancies in the United States of America for nursing jobs and we have plenty of trained personnel here. We cannot provide jobs to all of them here.

So, my request to the Government is to consider sanctioning of a centre either in Cochin, because most of the applicants are from Kerala, or in any other metropolitan centre of our country.