650. SHRI BHRTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that the rise in Ebola Cases in Uganda;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Indian Nationals residing in Uganda;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism in place to bring back the said nationals in case of an outbreak of Ebola;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (e) On 20th September 2022, Uganda’s Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of Sudan ebola virus (SVD) after a case was confirmed in Mubende district, 150 Kms from the capital Kampala.

As per the Ugandan Ministry of Health’s latest situation report dated 24th November 2022, total number of confirmed cases is 141 including 55 deaths. It is estimated that at present, there are approx. 35,000 Indians/PIOs living in Uganda, of which majority are Indian passport holders. The Government has been monitoring the situation closely.