GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2187 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020

CORONAVIRUS INFECTED INDIANS

2187. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of corona virus infected Indian citizens residing abroad, country-wise;
- (b) the number of Indians rescued from the corona virus affected areas including the cost of the evacuation, country-wise;
- (c) the number of corona virus infected / disinfected Indians trapped in China and various parts of the world including the ones trapped abroad a cruise ship and the measures taken by the Government and Indian embassies/consulates to safely bring the aforesaid Indians back to India;
- (d) whether there are restrictions placed by several nations against people travelling back to India through transit from China and other nations where coronavirus proliferation has peaked; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to address the issue?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) As per information available, the number of Coronavirus infected Indian citizens abroad is as follows:
- Japan (on the cruise ship) 16 (being treated at onshore medical facilities in Japan); and
 - UAE 1
- (b) Government of India evacuated a total of 766 persons, including 723 Indian nationals and 43 foreigners from China. Similarly, 119 Indians have been brought back to India from the cruise ship in Japan.

- i.Air India has raised a bill of Rs. 5,98,90,352/- for operating two special flights to China.
- ii.An Indian Airforce flight carrying relief material to China also carried Indian citizens from Wuhan, China on its return journey. Expenditure details are yet to be received from Ministry of Defence.
- iii.Expenditure details for the special flight Japan to India for evacuation is yet to be received from Air India.
- (c) As in (a) above.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Does not arise.
