GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 4194 (To be answered on the 19th March 2020)

HEALTH CHECKUPS FOR AIR PASSENGERS

4194. SHRI ANTO ANTONY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानता मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines/warnings/precautions for domestic air passengers due to Coronavirus and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is conducting health checkups for the air

passengers coming from abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any details about the passengers who have been denied entry to the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) Ministry of Civil Aviation, from time to time, reiterated the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to control Coronavirus. These inter-alia, include undertaking Information, Education and Communication (IEC) for COVID-19 at all the airports including domestic airports, mentioning the sign and symptoms of the disease apart from instructions regarding disinfection of domestic flights.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government has mandated all airports with international operations to screen all passengers arriving from international flights. So far over 13 lakh passengers arriving from international flights have been

screened at 30 airports.

(c) & (d) Due to outbreak of Coronavirus, the Government has suspended all existing visas (except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas) till 15.04.2020 w.e.f.13.03.2020.