

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4057
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021**

FREE OF COST RT-PCR TESTS

4057. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to conduct free of cost RT-PCR tests for all international air travelers arriving at the airports in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the decision by the Government of Kerala to conduct free of cost RT-PCR tests to all international air travellers arriving at airports in Kerala; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): As per the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), RT-PCR testing facility at Indian airports are available on self-paid basis. However, as per the latest guidelines. International air travelers arriving airports in India need to upload RT-PCR negative test report before boarding.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Government of Kerala has issued an order regarding conduct of R I-PCR tests to all international air travelers arriving at the at i ports in the Kerala at free of cost. Ministry of Health has issued guidelines regarding test of International Traveler when they arrive to India with consultation Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Home Affairs. State Government may consider taking such measures for the air travelers pertaining to their respective State.