# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXERNAL AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1651 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020

#### **EVACUATION OF INDIANS FROM CHINA**

## 1651. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Indians have been evacuated safely from China and brought back to the country since the outbreak of Coronavirus this year;
- (b) whether any travel advisory has been issued for the Indian citizens travelling to China and other affected countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Government of India organized three special flights on January 31, February 1 and February 26 to evacuate 723 Indian nationals from the city of Wuhan as well as other cities of Hubei Province in China in view of the continuing lock down of the Hubei Province.

In view of the Coronavirus outbreak, Ministry of Health and Family has issued a consolidated travel advisory for Indian citizens to refrain from travel to China and from non essential travel to countries like Singapore, Republic of Korea, Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy.

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