

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1652**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020

**AIRLIFTING OF INDIANS FROM CHINA**

1652. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian students and other citizens trapped in Wuhan province of China were recently airlifted to India as the Chinese province is worst affected by deadly Coronavirus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government had taken to ensure that the airlifted Indians do not spread deadly Coronavirus in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Yes. The Government of India organized three special flights on January 31, February 1 and February 26 to evacuate 766 persons, which included 723 Indian nationals and 43 foreign 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.

To avoid the risk of spread of Coronavirus, all the persons evacuated from China have to undergo quarantine for 14 days at special facilities created by Indian Army in Manesar and by Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in Chhawla Camp. The first and second group of evacuees, who arrived in India on February 1 and February 2 have completed the quarantine and left the facilities.

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