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Title: Request to bring back the Indians stranded in Philippines and Malaysia due to coronavirus out break.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM):

Thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak in the 'Zero Hour'.

Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the Central Government that about 146 Indian students got stranded in Manila Airport in Philippines. Among the 146 students, 41 belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh and around 30-40 from the State of Telangana. Most of these students have gone to pursue MBBS course in Philippines and they have reached Manila Airport on the night of 17th of March to catch the scheduled flight to India on 18th, which is Air Asia AK-585, which suddenly got cancelled by the operator. Now, with no other flights to reach India, it has been informed that the Manila International Airport is also going to be closed by today midnight. All these students are panicking at the airport and their families are also in a very worried position.

Regarding this issue, our hon. leader Chandrababu Naidu Garu has also written a letter to the Minister of External Affairs. I request the Ministry to take immediate and necessary steps to bring back our people home during this troubled time. The special flight to Hyderabad, in addition to the one operating to Delhi, would also allow these people to reach their homes safely.

In regard to this, there are 53 other people who are stranded in Malaysia also. The Ministry of External Affairs is doing an excellent job. I would like to praise the Ministry, the aviation industry, the media industry and especially the doctors, nurses and everyone working in the hospitals. Once again, on behalf of the House, I would like to thank all of them for their service in this troubled time. Thank you very much.

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