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Title: Regarding evacuation of stranded people in different countries due to novel corona virus outbreak.

SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Sir, I seek a response from the Government in this regard. This is a very important issue. Hundreds of Indian students and others are stranded in various countries like Italy, Iran, Malaysia and Philippines. In Kuala Lumpur alone, more than 300 people are stranded. In Rome in Italy, more than 100 people are stranded. In Manila, more than 300 people are stranded, because all the flight operations have already been cancelled, The only way left is to evacuate them from those countries by sending special flights from our country. Otherwise, it will be a very difficult situation. So, I urge upon the Government to kindly respond to this issue. Those people have no idea as to where to go and what to do. All are stranded in the airports. The only way available now is for the Indian Missions to intervene. The Government of India, especially the External Affairs Ministry, has to intervene in the matter. My suggestion is that a special aircraft be sent to evacuate all those people who are stranded in Manila, Rome, Kuala Lumpur and also in Iran. It has been reported in today's newspapers that the fishermen who were stranded in Iran have been afflicted by this virus. That also is creating apprehensions among the people in the country. I once again urge upon the Government of India to kindly initiate steps to evacuate all these people who are stranded in various countries by sending special aircraft so that the evacuation will be complete. I also seek a reply from the Government in this regard.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्री एम.के. राघवन, श्री थोमस चाजिकाडन, श्री के. मुरलीधरन, श्रीमती सुप्रिया सदानंद सुले और श्री रितश पाण्डेय को श्री एन. के. प्रेमचन्द्रन द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमित प्रदान की जाती है।

SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY (MALAPPURAM): Sir, I also urge upon the Government to arrange a special aircraft immediately to evacuate these people. They have been taken back but that is not the solution. Sending a special aircraft is a must now. I spoke to the Ambassador. They are waiting for that. I associate myself with this issue. The Government must do something.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्रीमती सुप्रिया सदानंद सुले को श्री पी.के. कुनहलिकुट्टी द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, please have the Government give some response on this.

माननीय अध्यक्षः इस विषय को जल्द ही बाद में लिया जाएगा।

...(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष: सुरेश जी, माननीय मंत्री जी इस पर एक घंटा बोलेंगे। आप आराम से सुनिएगा।

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Sir, some assurance has to come from the Government. It is a very important issue. Our children are stranded at different airports. ...(*Interruptions*)