Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request the government to take necessary steps for compulsory quarantine of all International passengers and provide good quarantine facilities.

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM (SIVAGANGA): Sir, I would like to compliment the Government for the efforts it is taking to contain the coronavirus pandemic. It is a fast-evolving crisis. So, one should not play politics with it and only compliment the Government for the efforts it is taking and support the Government in whatever it is doing.

There is compulsory quarantine for all international passengers who are coming in from certain countries but the quarantine facilities are not at all good and there have been many complaints about the substandard facilities which are being given to these passengers who are coming on international flights. Most international passengers have the wherewithal to self-isolate themselves. The Government, particularly the Health Minister, must pay attention to this and see whether it is better to ask these passengers to self-isolate rather than send them to sub-standard quarantine facilities which might increase the spread of diseases, if not coronavirus some other diseases, because the facilities are so unhygienic. So, I urge the Government and the Health Minister to look into this.