## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to take appropriate steps to contain the spread of omicron virus.

\*DR. D. RAVIKUMAR (VILUPPURAM): Hon. Speaker Sir, Thank you for this opportunity. WHO has cautioned that the new variant Omicron is a fast spreading virus as compared to to the earlier version of Delta virus of Corona. This new variant of Corona has already spread in 63 countries. In our country, this has spread in six States including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Gujarat. This variant has spread in Delhi and Chaindigarh Union Territories also. Delta virus is said to double within a period of seven days. This Omicron virus will double in a short span of less than two days. Therefore I Urge that our Government should take appropriate steps to contain the spread of this Omicron virus. When we think of those who have been administered with two doses of covid vaccine. All the MPs have taken two doses of vaccine by April 2021. Now it is almost six months after those two doses. There is a possibility of this virus attacking them. Our Government should give an option for taking the third dose of vaccine to those who are above 60 years of age. MPs should also be given the opportunity to have them administered with a third dose of the covid vaccine. Thank you for this opportunity.