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Title: Need to take necessary and speedy steps for medical checkups of the affected persons returning from Ebola-affected West African nations.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Sir, I am raising a matter relating to Ebola virus which was just now mentioned by Shrimati Ranjeet Ranjan.

India is on alert for the Ebola virus because there is a risk that the deadly virus could be imported into the country if the large population of Indians working in the four affected West African nations returns. India has nearly 45,000 people living in the four Ebola-affected West African nations. Health officials have said that there is a possibility of some of them returning to their home country, if the outbreak worsens. The illness was declared as an international health emergency by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday and the authorities have voiced fears that the virus could spread worldwide.

In this regard, I would like to urge upon the Government to alert all the State Governments and the airport officials for exact checking of the affected persons to control the disease by the Government.

Sir, what travel control measures are taken by the Government on passengers travelling to and from these affected countries? The entire country is in an apprehensive mood whether the outbreak will affect us in future or not. Therefore, the Government of India should take necessary and speedy steps for removing the apprehensions of the people. That is all.