

longterm media plan in consultation with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity has been drawn up. The plan covers both electronic and print media, which would run throughout the year.

Travel advisory, do's and don'ts, and other pertinent information have been widely published to allay fears and avoid panic. Media is kept informed on daily basis.

I would also like to share with the hon. Members that many of the travel related cases could have been averted if the Governments of affected countries had followed exit screening at their airports. Therefore, I requested the hon. Minister of External Affairs to take up the issue of exit screening with countries reporting large number of cases. The Minister of External Affairs has personally interceded in this matter and a message has been issued to all Heads of our Missions in these countries instructing them to raise urgently with the concerned authorities the issue of introducing 'exit screening'. I have also requested the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation for in-flight announcement and to ensure availability of screening forms in flight.

I have been reviewing the situation on a regular basis. Let me assure the Parliament and the people of the country that the Government is fully geared up to deal with the situation.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, clarifications will be sought after the lunch. The House is adjourned till 2 o'clock.

*The House then adjourned for lunch at fifty-eight minutes
past twelve of the clock.*

The House reassembled after lunch at two minutes past two of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

1. Dhiraj Prasad Sahu (Jharkhand)

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Situation arising out of growing number of Swine Flue cases in the country

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Calling Attention motion. Shri Mysura Reddy, you have seven minutes.

SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, this is an important issue causing concern to the people of India. Though the epicentre of Swine Flu, Mexico city, may seem a world away from India, the flip side is that distance no longer works as a prophylactic measure. The WHO's influenza alert, Phase-6, clearly brings out the magnitude of the problem. But the hon. Minister's statement is not satisfactory. Without dwelling on other things, I wish to seek a few clarifications from the hon. Minister.