

2021-22. The call for urgent reform of governance structures of multilateral bodies has been one of India's main priorities at high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements.

### **Visit of the US president to India**

1371. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when did Government first receive information from the US Government about the planned visit of US President to India;

(b) whether members of the US President's staff and delegation were tested for the COVID-19 virus during his visit;

(c) if so, whether any member was tested positive for the virus;

(d) if yes, the reasons why precautions were not taken; and

(e) the precautions taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus at events organised during the visit of the US President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) Dates for the State visit of His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States to India on 24-25 February, 2020 were decided in mutual consultation by the respective governments. The visit was announced by the Government on 11 February, 2020.

(b) to (e) At the time of President Trump's visit *i.e.* 24-25 February, 2020, there was no requirement of mandatory Covid-19 test for travellers coming from foreign countries. Pandemic status to diseases is given by WHO which declared Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic on 11 March, 2020. The requirement of mandatory universal screening of all international passengers arriving in 21 airports in India for Covid-19 was implemented by Government of India *w.e.f.* 4 March, 2020. Therefore, during President Trump's visit to India, established norms and protocols for handling such high level visits were followed by the Government of India.

### **Ease of international travel for Indians**

1372. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list and details of countries which have relaxed visa requirements for Indians to travel to their country since 2000;