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Title: Need to take immediate precautionary steps to check Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Laid

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): COVID-19 infection broke out in China's Wuhan City in December and has spread to over 60 countries, killing more than 3300 and infecting over 90,000. The costs of medical expenses during the course of treatment, including the treatment during quarantine are very high and the common man is unable to afford it. Scarcity of standard N-95 masks are also posing problems. Citizens of the country are in panic due to the epidemic virus. The survival of various companies which are exporting materials to the various countries is at stake because of ban as a part of precautionary measure. The airlines are on the verge of closure due to cancellation of large number of flights. The entire world will face the serious impacts of the epidemic disease. After China, Italy, Iran and Korea are worst reported countries of the virus. The entire Gulf sector stopped all flights to such places. This will seriously affect lakhs of Indians working abroad. I urge upon the Government to take immediate precautionary steps to deal with the situation at the earliest.