Priority question for written answer P-002418/2021/rev.1 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: COVID-19 outbreak in India

Over the past week, India has experienced an exponential increase in COVID-19 cases, with devastating consequences for significant parts of its population.

According to the latest figures, on 28 April the Indian authorities reported 360 960 new cases and 3 293 deaths in the course of the previous 24 hours.

What has the Commission done, or what is it planning to do, in terms of providing protective equipment to alleviate some of the burden on the national health system, but also in terms of civil protection and humanitarian assistance?