

after the 12 month period, in any case where the marriage is believed to be one of the convenience.

(c) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was submitted to PM in April, 1977 by Hon'y. Secretary, All Party Committee on UK Citizenship, London.

On several occasions, we have made it clear to the British Government that we have no interest whatsoever in encouraging emigration to Britain. While the maintenance of law and order in Britain is the responsibility of the British Government, it has been made aware of the Government of India's concern and of the importance to create a climate of racial harmony in Britain. The British Government has reaffirmed its commitment to a policy of racial equality.

Dismantling of Foreign Military Bases in Indian Ocean

747. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have supported India's stand on dismantling of foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean; and

(b) whether the King of Nepal and the Foreign Minister of Soviet Union have also extended their co-operation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir. India's stand on elimination of foreign military bases from the Indian Ocean is in line with the stand taken by the overwhelming majority of littoral and hinterland States, and in keeping with recommendations made at the United Nations and at meetings of the Non-aligned Group.

(b) Nepal has also constantly voted in favour of UN Resolution on the Zone of Peace in the Indian Ocean and their views are largely identical with ours on this question.

As regards the USSR, its leaders have on various occasions expressed themselves in favour of elimination of all existing foreign military bases from the Indian Ocean.

Appointment of a Committee to investigate causes of Cancer

748. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to control Cancer;

(b) whether any Committee has been appointed by Government to investigate the causes of Cancer; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (c). Research and studies on Cancer are being carried out in a number of Institutions and Cancer Research Centres. Besides, it is proposed to establish Regional Centres for Research and Treatment in Cancer. Financial assistance is also given to States for setting up Cobalt Therapy Units.

The Indian Council of Medical Research has also conducted collaborative studies on some of the common cancers encountered in the country i.e. oral and oropharyngeal cancer, cervical cancer and cancer of breast. The main objectives of the studies on oral and oropharyngeal cancer were to find out its prevalence in different geographic areas in the country and to study the environmental factors related to this type of cancer with special reference to use of tobacco. Studies on breast and cervical cancer are in progress.

(b) No, Sir.