

foreign policy in view of the existing circumstances with particular reference to recent US Presidential elections; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The basic objectives of India's foreign policy are predicated on the maintenance of India's territorial integrity, ensuring a durable environment of peace and stability in our region and the creation of a favourable external economic and strategic environment to promote domestic socio-economic development. These fundamental pillars of India's foreign policy are derived from a national consensus. India has pursued and will continue to pursue, an independent foreign policy guided by these objectives. The evolving international situation is carefully monitored by the Government and timely initiatives are taken to adapt our policies within the framework of our national interest. All major international developments, such as the disintegration of the Soviet Union, developments in Eastern Europe and other events are taken into account in a continuous process of evaluation keeping in mind the underlying basic tenants of India's foreign policy which remain immutable. The change in the US Administration, and the extend to which it impinges on the policies of the United States, including our bilateral relations, will be evaluated in this context.

Economic Cooperation with Uganda

1674. SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uganda is interested in economic co-operation with India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons of Indian origin who were forced to leave Uganda in 1972 will get back their properties if they return to resume their business activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the Agreement reached ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During his recent visit to India, President Museveni of Uganda had requested Indian entrepreneurs to invest in Uganda and help in its economic reconstruction. He stressed his desire for increased commercial interaction between both countries.

(c) and (d) President Museveni has asked people of Indian origin, who were forced to leave Uganda in 1972, to return and re-possess their properties. No formal agreement was signed. President Museveni referred to this matter during talks held between the delegations of the two countries.

Pakistan Resolution Regarding Right of Self-Determination

1675. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nation's General Assembly is considering a Pakistani resolution regarding right of self-determination;

(b) whether such a Resolution has already been moved in the Social Committee of the United Nations on behalf of thirty-five sponsors;

(c) whether this number of sponsors of the Resolution has increased by six compared to last year; and

(d) what was India's approach to this Resolution in the Special Committee of the United Nations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistani resolution has been moved and adopted in the Third Committee of the UNGA on behalf of 34 sponsors.

(c) The number of sponsors have increased by five compared to last year.