THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c): A statement listing foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean area is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Name and Location	Name of the Controlling Power
1. Aden	United Kingdom
2. Bahrain	United Kingdom
3. Masirah	United Kingdom
4. Gan (Maldive Islands)	United Kingdom
5. Coeos Islands	Controlled by Australia, but United Kingdom has refuelling facilities.
6. Singapore	United Kingdom.

NOTE.—In Darwin and Freemantle (Australian territory) there are Surface to Air Missile bases where the UK and the USA have facilities.

A.I.R. INTO A CORPORATION

*45. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:
SHRI M. M. DHARIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chanda Committee's recommendation regarding the constitution of an autonomous corporation for the All India Radio has been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) The recommendation is still under consideration and Government's decision will be announced as early as possible.

CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND GERMANY

*46. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any suggestions were made by the German Parliamentary Delegation headed by Dr. D. H. Martin to strengthen cultural and scientific ties between India and Germany?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): A delegation consisting of five members of the sub-Committee on Cultural Relations of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany, led by Dr. Berthold Martin, visited India from the 19th to 30th September, 1966. The purpose of this delegation's visit was to gather information on FRG's cultural activities in India and Indian cultural institutions. No specific suggestions were made by the delegation during this visit.

INDIA'S INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE VIETNAM TANGLE

*47. SARDAR RAM SINGH:
SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:
DR (SHRIMATI) MANGLADEVI TALWAR:
SHRI UTTAM SINGH DUGAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the offer made by the Government of the United States of America to stop bombing in Vietnam, the Government of India have taken any initiative to help solve the Vietnam tangle; and

(b) if so, what has been the response from the other parties in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government have not received any such offer from U.S. Government. Government of India continue to believe that stoppage of bombing without any pre-conditions is the first step towards finding solution of the Vietnam problem.

(b) Does not arise.