

**Steel**

\*884. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has offered another one lakh tons of steel;

(b) if so, what are the conditions under which the offer has been made; and

(c) when steel will be actually supplied to India?

**The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir. Negotiations are taking place for import of additional quantities of steel.

(b) and (c). The terms and conditions of sale are still under negotiation.

**Indians in Philippines**

\*885. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1449 on the 29th September, 1954 and state the total number of Indian Nationals who have acquired citizenship so far in Philippines since the promulgation of Philippines Immigration Act?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Export Promotion Councils**

\*886. { **Sardar Hukam Singh:**  
**Shri Bahadur Singh:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of Export Promotion Councils have opened offices in foreign markets; and

(b) if so, which Council and in which countries?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) None so far, Sir. In the case of the Textiles, I understood that offices will be shortly opened in a few foreign centres.

(b) Does not arise.

**Coconut and Palmyra Toddy**

\*887. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government have considered the feasibility of starting an industry to bottle Coconut and Palmyra

Toddy with their alcoholic fermentation reduced and kept at the minimum to serve as beverages?

**The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo):** No, Sir.

**Indian Rice Traders in Ceylon**

\*888. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ceylon Government have decided not to permit Indians there to trade in rice;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for this; and

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Ceylon Government?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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\*889. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the People's Republic of China has offered 60,000 tons of steel to India;

(b) if so, what are the conditions under which the offer has been made; and

(c) when steel will be supplied to India?

**The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The terms and conditions of sale are still under negotiation.

**International Atomic Conference**

\*173. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1974 on the 21st September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the Indian representatives who attended the International Atomic Conference at Geneva have submitted any report; and

(b) if so, the nature of the report?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes.

(b) A paper is laid on the table of the House giving the broad conclusions mentioned in the Report. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 36].