

unwilling women have been forced to leave their homes which has led to the husbands also wanting to give up their country and their faith in order to be able to live with them?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I would like to know the details of such a case. It is much too general a question for me to answer.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the terms of reference given to this commission?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: The commission was asked to assess as to what the extent of the problem was that still remained to be tackled and, secondly, to indicate the means that they would suggest to be adopted by the two countries.

SUBSIDY TO IMPORTED STEEL AND TO MARGINAL PRODUCERS OF STEEL

*429. **SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO** (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy paid in respect of imported steel and to marginal (secondary) producers from 1951-52 to 1954-55; and

(b) how the same was accounted for in the Budget of those years?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 60].

(b) The payments were made from the Iron and Steel Equalisation Fund, the transactions of which did not pass through the Consolidated Fund in India.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know the names of the marginal producers?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: They are five re-rolling mills in the country which are classed as secondary marginal producers.

INDIAN TEAM TO SOVIET UNION— MANUFACTURE OF VITAMINS

*441. **SHRI M. VALIULLA** (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Team has been sent to the Soviet Union in pursuance of the recommendations of the Russian Team that went round the country recently and suggested that there were great potentialities for the manufacture of Vitamin 'A' and Vitamin 'C' drugs and other pharmaceuticals; and

(b) if so, when it was sent?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) and (b). Not yet. An Indian Team will leave for the Soviet Union in the first week of September 1956.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will this Team go to Russia only or will it go to other countries also? If so, what are the other countries which it will visit and how long will it take?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: The visit is primarily meant to discuss the matter with the Soviet Union experts but the Team may visit a few other countries also on its way back. This Team will be out of the country for about two months, or a little more.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: I want to know whether any attempts were made here in India. We had the Pharmaceuticals Committee, etc., and other similar recommendations; we have the Development Council for Drugs as well as a Development Officer under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, but nothing has been done in this matter.

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Several things have been done in the matter and the things mentioned by the hon. Member, e.g., the Report of the Pharmaceuticals Committee, etc. and other similar reports are under the continuous consideration of the Ministry. This is one of the steps in that direction.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know the amount of Vitamin 'A' and Vitamin 'C' imported into India every year?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Exact figures are not available because of the trading account not mentioning these separately, but about 12 tons of Vitamin 'A' and about 18 tons of Vitamin 'C' were imported.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Are we manufacturing any of these in India at present?