

**Number of Indian, British and Uganda Passport Holders who have Repatriated from Uganda granted emergency certificates**

**648. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:**

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have repatriated from Uganda so far and arrived in India; and

(b) out of them, how many are Indian Passport-holders U.K. Passport-holders and Uganda Passport-holders who have been granted emergency certificates by the Indian High Commission?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):**  
(a) and (b). About 3,195 persons have come to India, Sir. Out of this number, Indian passport-holders were 4,129, U.K. Passport-holders about 457 and persons of undetermined nationality travelling on Emergency Certificates/Sworn Affidavits an estimated 809.

In addition, some 3,000 (estimated) U.K. Passport-holders with certificates of entry into U.K. have also been allowed entry.

**Shortage of Aluminium in the Country**

**649. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great shortage of BC grade aluminium in India;

(b) whether it is being imported; if so, the quantity imported during the years 1971-72 and 1972-73; and

(c) the name of agency through which it is being imported?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD):**(a) Due to restrictions in power supply the

production of aluminium in the country has been adversely affected. This has presently resulted in some shortage of EC grade aluminium.

(b) During 1971-72, 11,645 tonnes of EC grade ingot/wire bars were imported. There has been no import of EC grade aluminium thereafter.

(c) EC grade aluminium is included in the list of "Canalised" items for import through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd.

**Diversion of surplus steel with Public Sector to Private Sector Industries**

**650. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large stock of steel has accumulated with the public sector consumer while the engineering industry under private sector is facing acute shortage as alleged by the Chairman of the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking to divert the surplus steel from the public sector to private sector?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES**

(a) and (b). In March, 1973 detailed studies were made about inventories held by several actual users of steel, both in the public and private sectors. On the basis of the data obtained action has been taken to correct the imbalances by suitable adjustments at the time of the Steel Priority Committee allocations.

**Purchase of Arms by Iran from U.S.A.**

**651. SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN;**  
**SHRI SAMAR GUHA:**

Will the Minister of **DEFENCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran has purchased a large quantity of war weapons and other war material from U.S.A.;