

(b) the port-wise and grade-wise break-up of the total tonnage exported;

(c) the tonnage of the total exports allowed to be accounted for against the import of finished steel; and

(d) the total quantity of finished steel imported on account of scrap exports in 1961-62?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Scrap

3652. { Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Tan Singh:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 1962-63 policy permitting import of finished steel against export of scrap has fixed an export ceiling of scrap at 3,60,000 tons;

(b) if so, what are the objectives of such a ceiling, its basis and advantages; and

(c) whether it has been represented that the ceiling is superfluous and should be lifted in favour of the simple procedure of allowing automatic entitlement against a minimum export of 2,000 tons of scrap?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) to (c). A ceiling of 3,60,000 tons has been fixed for export of scrap against import of steel. Imports are allowed to the value of 23 of the foreign exchange earned on export. Requests have been received for removing the ceiling. It was not, however, considered advisable to do so having regard to the estimated availability of scrap in the country and also as it is better to export and earn some free

foreign exchange rather than utilise the export earnings solely for steel imports. The scrap policy will, however, be reviewed in the light of the report of the Scrap Investigation Committee which is now under the consideration of Government.

Scrap Export

3653. { Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Tan Singh:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether scrap export from the country has been steadily declining since January last;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the causes of this serious decline; and

(c) whether any measures have been contemplated to arrest the decline and encourage export?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Japan, which is our largest market for scrap exports has imposed restrictions on scrap imports into that country.

(c) Export of ferrous scrap is now being allowed, without realising any levy for domestic consumers against such exports as was the case before.

Heavy Melting Scrap

3654. { Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Tan Singh:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state whether the domestic control price of heavy melting scrap No. 1 sheet cutting scrap and turnings and