Composition of Ferrous Scrap Committee

6499 SHRI BANWARI LAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the present composition, with the names of persons, constituting the Ferrous Scrap Committee;

(b) whether it was found necessary to represent SAIL and MSTC on the Ferrous Scrap Committee under the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it i_s proposed to give representation to the arc furnaces also on the Ferrous Scrap Committee?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The composition of the Ferrous Scrap Committee and the names of the present incumbent are as given below:—

Composition	Name of present incumbent
1. Iron & Steel Controller-Chairman	Shri P. K. Sarkar
2. Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Deptt. of Steel-Member.	Shri D.D. Borwankar
3. Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser, Deptt. of Steel and Mines-Member.	Shri Ramaswamy R. Iyer.
4. A nomince of Steel Authority of India Limited —Member	Shri S.K. Kashyap
5. Chairman-cum-Managing Director Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited-Member	Shri Rup Rai

(b) and (c) Representation of SAIL on the Committee was considered necessary as it controls most of the public sector steel plants who are the main generators of ferrous scrap in the country. MSTC being the canalising agent for export and import of ferrous melting scrap and import of old ships and also being the selling agent of scrap generated by the integrated steel plants, has links with the mini-steel plants as well as the scrap collecting/processing industry. Its representation on the Committee was, therefore, also considered essential. It was felt that it would not be possible to give representation to all the other interests concerned or correct to give representation to one and exclude others. However, the Ferrous Scrap Committee meets the representatives of all interests from time to time to discuss with them their problems and suggestion and for an exchange of views.

Deposits of Fluorspar in Dungarpur, Rajasthan

6500. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the huge deposits of Fluorspar in the several hillocks of Navagaon, Kahela and Hathai in Dungarpur district (Rajasthan);

(b) whether it is a fact that no intensive or detailed survey has so far been made by RIMDE or its successor R.S.M.D.C. Ltd. Jaipur; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to depute a special team of surveyors with the latest drilling equipment?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.