

will be laid on the Table of the House.

Skull Scrap

325. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Dr. Pashupati Mandal:
Shri P. R. Patel:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of skull scrap disposed of in 1961 by:

- (i) Messrs. Hindustan Steel Ltd. plants;
- (ii) M/s. Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.;
- (iii) M/s. Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.;
- (iv) M/s. Mysore Iron & Steel Works;
- (v) the scrap-based furnace owners; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the above steel producers are allowed to dispose of their skull arisings freely?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a). The information is not readily available.

(b) The Steel Plants of HSL and Mysore Iron & Steel Works consume their arisings of the steel skull. The arisings of Tata Iron & Steel Co. and Indian Iron & Steel Co. are allowed to be exported if they are not required by the other Steel Plants.

Supply of Raw Material for Steel Plants

326. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what are the distances of the sources of raw materials from the present steel plants and also those proposed in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) the means of communications which either exist or are proposed over these distances;

(c) how they are proposed to be developed if they are inadequate to serve the steel plants taking into consideration their future expansion;

(d) what are the relative costs of developing or providing them as may be necessary, separately for rail, road and inland water transport;

(e) whether at present the steel plants rely solely on rail, communication and if so why other modes of communications have not been developed either in place of the railways wherever new lines have been laid for the steel plants or to supplement them; and

(f) generally, what are the economics of road and rail communications in such areas as regards the initial cost, the cost of operation and speed?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (f). Attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the statement made by me in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1948 on the 20th March, 1961.

Export of Heavy Melting Scrap

327. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. Pashupati Mandal:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of heavy melting scrap exported during the years 1951-1961;

(b) the quantity of heavy melting scrap indigenously melted during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the current scrap policy continues the total ban on heavy melting scrap export;