

USE OF SCRAP STEEL

*5. SHRI OSMAN SOBHANI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of factories in India that use scrap steel for conversion into structural or alloy steel ;

(b) what is the quantity and value of the scrap steel so used ;

(c) what is the proportion of scrap steel used in India to the quantity of scrap steel exported ;

(d) what is the controlled price per ton of scrap steel supplied to Indian factories ;

(e) whether Government are taking any steps to encourage the existing factories to use the maximum quantity of scrap steel ; and

(f) whether Government are doing anything to encourage the extension of existing factories or the establishment of new factories ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) 12.

(b) About 29,200 tons per month, valued at approximately Rs. 17 1/2 lakhs.

(c) In 1951-52, the quantity used in India was about 8 times that exported. It may, however, be noted that only such varieties of scrap as cannot be used in India, are allowed to be exported.

(d) About Rs. 60 per ton on the average at ports.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Yes; permission to extend existing electric furnace capacity or to install new furnaces is freely given.

TRADE CENTRES

*6. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is trying to establish trading centres in India ; and

(b) if so, which are the places selected for such centres and branches of these centres ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has this fact come to the notice of the Government that Japan has decided to set up two international trading centres in India ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: That has not yet come to my notice. But I will look into the matter.

EXPORT OF SCRAP IRON

*7. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of scrap iron exported during the last six months ; and

(b) the quantity and value of pig iron and mild steel imported during the same period ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) 1,46,506 tons during the six months ending September 1952. Only such scrap as cannot be used in India is allowed to be exported.

(b) 20 tons of special grade pig iron of value Rs. 13,500 and 77,000 tons of mild steel of value Rs. 682,25,000.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Am I to understand from the hon. Minister's answer that the total amount of scrap iron used by the Indian factories was eight times 146 thousand tons during the last six months ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should think so.