

boilers for the purpose could be received in time, it will be obvious that you cannot put this great industry on an economic and satisfactory footing?"

Shri K. C. Reddy: Yes, Sir, the lines indicated by Mr. Master in that quotation which was read out by the hon. Member will be kept in view.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: What is the relation between retrenchment and the statement made in the programme of the Planning Commission that in view of shortage of iron and steel ship-building programmes are going to be reduced?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No relationship, Sir; the ship-building programme is not going to be reduced. In fact, we have taken necessary steps to get our requirements of steel not only from indigenous sources, but also, if necessary, to import from abroad.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: I want to make a personal explanation, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: No personal explanation can be permitted at this stage.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In answer to one of my supplementaries the hon. Minister said that the answer to it is given in the statement. But my question was whether stoppage of recruitment through employment exchange was discussed or not. He said the answer to it is given in the statement, whereas I find it is not.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is the interpretation of the hon. lady Member; while the interpretation of the hon. Minister is different. At any rate there is no question of personal explanation in this.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ORISSA MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY LTD. BERHAMPUR (GANJAM)

*1196. **Shri Sangaana:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any investment has been made in the Orissa Road Transport Company Limited, Berhampur (Ganjam) from the Railway Consolidated Fund?

(b) If so, what is the total investment?

(c) What is the monthly average of receipts and expenditure of this Company during each of last two years?

(d) What is the amount of dividend paid to the respective partners during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 3 lakhs.

(c) The Orissa Road Transport and Co. Ltd., started functioning from 1st January, 1951, and its first report and accounts were published for the period from January, 1951 to March, 1952 covering a period of 15 months. Separate information for the financial year 1951-52 and for the complete year 1952-53 is not available. The monthly averages of receipts and expenditure of this Company for the periods January, 1951 to March, 1952 and April, 1952 to December, 1952 are:—

	Average monthly Receipts		Average monthly Expenditure	
	Rs.	as. p.	Rs.	as. p.
For the period January, 1951 to March, 1952.	1,16,888	4 4	1,11,335	1 8
For the period April, 1952 to December, 1952.	1,15,644	14 2	1,27,809	8 6

(d) The amounts of dividend paid to the respective partners of the Company for the first period of 15 months of its operation from 1st January, 1951 to 31st March, 1952 are—

	Rs.	as. p.
Central Government (Railways).	12,610	11 0
Government of Orissa	32, 158	3 9
Public	1,011	2 6

As the accounts of the Company for the second year 1952-53 have not yet been finalised, no dividend for that year has so far been declared.

HALTING OF FRONTIER MAIL AT JHALAWAR ROAD STATION

*1205. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that about 10 passengers per day are booked from Shamgarh station on Western Railway?

(b) Are Government aware that about 400 passengers are booked from Jhalawar Road (Shri Chhatarpur) every day?