

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?

(c) Is it a fact that the Frontier Mail stops at Shamgarh and not at Jhalawar Road?

(d) If the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, do Government consider the advisability of making Jhalawar Road a halting station for the Frontier Mail?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The daily average number of passengers booked from Shamgarh is 243 and not 10 as stated in the question.

(b) The daily average number of passengers booked from Jhalawar Road is 186 and not 400 as stated in the question.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

#### HAMIRA SUGAR FACTORY

**\*1209. Sardar Akarpuri:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hamira Sugar Factory in PEPSU has not so far paid a substantial portion of the price of sugarcane supplied to this factory by cane growers of PEPSU and Punjab States during the 1951-52 season; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hamira Sugar Factory is under mortgage to the Patiala State Bank?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) Yes. Out of a total price of Rs. 101.4 lakhs Rs. 9.9 lakhs still remains to be paid.

(b) Government have no definite information.

#### RAILWAY CAPITAL ASSETS

**\*1210. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the last valuation of total Railway capital assets was made;

(b) whether the Book Value or the then prevailing price minus depreciation was the basis of valuation; and

(c) whether there is a considerable difference between the amounts of capital locked up in Railways by the two methods?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) At no time has the valuation of total Railway capital assets been undertaken.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL OF HEALTH

**\*1211. Shri M. L. Agrawal:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what steps Government have taken or propose to take to implement the recommendations contained in the Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Central Council of Health held in Hyderabad from 29th to 31st January, 1953?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** Most of the recommendations contained in the Resolutions passed by the Central Council of Health are for the State Governments to give effect to. Copies of the Resolutions have been forwarded to the State Governments for necessary action. Those recommendations which concern the Central Government are under consideration.

#### TRAVELLING FACILITIES TO STUDENTS

**\*1212. Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the Prime Minister's Speech at Meerut on the 20th March, 1953 and state whether Government propose to provide travelling facilities to students at cheap rates?

(b) If so, what are those facilities and from which date will this scheme come into force?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Railways already provide travelling facilities to students at concessional rates when travelling for educational purposes.

(b) The nature of the concession is first class travel on payment of second class fare, second class travel on payment of inter class mail fare, inter class travel on payment of third class mail fare and third class travel on payment of half the third class mail fare. This concession which was suspended during the last war, was revived from 1st April, 1950.

#### AIR TRAVEL FROM AGARTALA TO KAILASAHAR

**909. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the rate of fare for Air Travel from Agartala to Kailasahar in Tripura and the distance by Air line travel from Agartala to Kailasahar and period of journey?