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GRANT OF PROTECTION

TO THE

SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY

(Including the Evidence recorded during the Enquiry)



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	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Salaries of members and staff	15,368	12	0
(2) Travelling allowance (including daily allowance)	2,540	11	0
(3) Printing	840	0	0
(4) Contingencies	330	2	0

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