

members of the domiciled community in respect of enlistment in the British Army. When my inquiries have been completed, I will communicate the result to the Honourable Member at once. I hope he will excuse the present delay which I can assure him is unavoidable.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: May I ask whether that information will be published as an answer to this question?

Mr. E. Burdon: I have not the slightest objection to having it published if the Honourable Member wishes it done. I had intended communicating it to Colonel Gidney.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: I thought the question was of importance and might be published.

Mr. E. Burdon: Certainly I will do so.

ANGLO-INDIAN OFFICERS IN THE AUXILIARY FORCE.

958. ***Lieut.-Colonel H. A. J. Gidney:** (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many Anglo-Indians there are to-day in the Auxiliary Force?

(b) How many and what percentage of Anglo-Indians to-day hold the King's Commission in the Auxiliary Force? Do Government propose to issue orders to increase the percentage of Anglo-Indian officers in the Auxiliary Force?

Mr. E. Burdon: (a) and (b). Government are not in possession of the information desired. The personnel of the Force has not been classified on the basis of origin and domicile. I am, however, arranging to have certain inquiries made relative to the point which the Honourable Member appears to have in mind; and I will communicate the result when received.

ANGLO-INDIANS ON THE RAILWAYS.

959. ***Lieut.-Colonel H. A. J. Gidney:** (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many Anglo-Indians were employed on the various Railways, (both State and Company-managed) in India, (a) before the introduction of the reforms scheme, (b) since Colonel Sir Danvers Waghorn made his pronouncement in the Legislative Assembly in 1922 regarding the Indianisation of the Railways and (c) on January 1st, 1924?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state how many Anglo-Indians have been employed on the various Railways since Colonel Sir Danvers Waghorn made his announcement on the Indianisation of the Railways?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state how many Anglo-Indians have been dismissed from employment on the Railways since the introduction of the reforms and especially since Sir Danvers Waghorn made his announcement on the Indianisation of the Railways?

Sir Henry Moncrieff Smith: As the Honourable Member was informed in reply to a similar question asked by him on the 23rd July 1923, Government have not got the information asked for. The only information they possess on the subject is given in the statistics published in the appendix to the Budget Memorandum.

MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANT SURGEONS.

960. ***Lieut.-Colonel H. A. J. Gidney:** (a) Will the Government of India be pleased to state on what grounds they have decided to refuse the concession of marriage allowance to Assistant Surgeons of the Indian Medical Department in military service?