

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?

(b) Is this marriage allowance granted to warrant officers in other branches of the Army stationed in India?

(c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative; will Government be pleased to state whether this allowance is made to departmental warrant officers other than the I. M. D. who have married in India and married Anglo-Indian women?

**Mr. E. Burdon:** (a) The concession is an entirely new one provided in its origin for personnel domiciled in the United Kingdom and it was held that it is not necessary to extend it to the I. M. D. the members of which are recruited and domiciled in India. The denial of the concession was based also on financial grounds, the need for economy.

(b) and (c). Yes.

#### FUTURE POLICY OF GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

961. \***Lieut-Colonel H. A. J. Gidney:** Will the Government be pleased to state what is to be their future policy towards the I. M. D. as a whole in India?

**Mr. E. Burdon:** The Government are not at the present time contemplating any change in their present policy in regard to the maintenance of the Indian Medical Department.

#### IMPERIAL AND PROVINCIAL FOREST SERVICE OFFICERS.

962. \***Lieut.-Colonel H. A. J. Gidney:** (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that before the reforms scheme became operative a large number of men were recruited from England to the Indian Imperial Forest Service, and if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that this step has prevented an adequate number of promotions from the Provincial Service to the Imperial Service.

(b) Will Government be pleased to state whether the salary of a Provincial Forest Official is increased when he is promoted to the Imperial Service, and if so, to what extent, giving the respective and comparative salaries of each officer, i.e., "Provincial" and "Imperial"?

**Mr. M. S. D. Butler:** (a) Actually 94 direct recruits were selected for the Indian Forest Service between the end of the war and the inauguration of the Reforms Scheme, but this recruitment in no way affected promotions from the Provincial to the Imperial Service. This is regulated according to the number of listed posts which has been fixed at 12½ per cent. of the whole cadre of the Indian Forest Service plus a leave reserve, and does not vary with the number of recruits appointed direct to the Indian Forest Service.

(b) Provincial Forest Service officers when promoted to the Imperial Service draw pay on the scale of the Indian Forest Service next above the pay which they were drawing in the Provincial Service at the time of promotion. A statement showing the scale of salary of the Indian Forest Service will be supplied to the Honourable Member. For provincial rates of pay which are not the same in all the provinces the Honourable Member is referred to the provincial civil lists.