

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has any application been refused from a foreign practitioner?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Not that I know of.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is not Central Government maintaining a list of foreign practitioners?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: No.

- SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will they maintain a register of foreign practitioners?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: It is a suggestion for action.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Are there any foreign nationals who run their own medical institutions in India? If so, where?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The only foreign nationals who are running their own medical institutions that I know of are the Missionaries.

MOBILE POST OFFICE SCHEMA

*377. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mobile post offices required to serve big cities in India containing more than five lakh population; and

(b) whether any expansion of the mobile post offices scheme is under the consideration of Government; and, if so, when this work will be taken up?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Nine, excluding the four mobile post offices already functioning in Madras, Nagpur, Delhi and Kanpur.

(b) The whole question of extension of mobile Post offices is under examination. The latter part of the question does not arise at present.

*378. [Postponed to 21st April 1953.]

RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ON NILAMBUR RAILWAY

*379. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reconstruction works of the Nilambur Line on the Southern Railway have been stopped; if so, why; and

(b) whether Government intend to restart the work; if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: *(In Malayalam)* †How far has the work progressed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I did not follow, though I should. The work of restoration is in progress and shor-anur to Angadipuram Section. 17.5 miles, is expected to be ready for opening on the 16th April 1953.

SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: *(In Malayalam)* †How many years will it take to complete the construction of the line?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The whole line will be completed within another year.

WOMEN PILOTS IN AIRLINES

*380. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any woman pilot in the scheduled air lines; and

(b) if not, whether there is any bar to the appointment of women as pilots?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No.

(b) No.

†English translation.