

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.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that there is one qualified woman pilot looking out for employment?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Yes, there is one.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: How many woman pilots have got training here in India?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: One, as I said.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that this woman pilot has applied for a post to the Defence Ministry?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I have no information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must ask the Defence Ministry.

AMENITIES IN II CLASS COACHES

•381. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the new coaches for II Class passengers will be constructed; and

(b) whether they will have better amenities than at present, such as wider berths, European pattern lavatory, better water-taps and bigger compartments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) New coaches for second class passengers as for other classes continue to be constructed according to requirements.

(b) The amenities provided in the II Class are considered satisfactory and will be maintained in the future II classes. Improvements in seating accommodation and other respects are constantly under review and these receive careful attention whenever there is justification.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it not desirable to provide bathing arrangements in the compartments?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Say "All such things are under review."

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Do I understand that the coaches now in use are the new coaches generally?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are of varying ages. Some are new of course.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: On which side of the line are the new coaches running?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no discrimination at all.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No, there is no discrimination at all.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Are these coaches put on the Grand Trunk Express?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would like to have notice of that question.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What is the number of passengers for the new coaches? Have Government laid down any rules for that?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are all details. I don't have the information just now.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Are they only 5 berth coaches or are they 4 berth coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I don't have the information here.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What are the new facilities that the Minister said are being provided in the new second class coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have not said that new facilities are being provided. The coaches are there and can be seen. The width of the seat was a little less than before and that question is now being reviewed.