

**DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN
BHIWANI AND PILANI**

*450. **SHRI BANSI LAL:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government propose to install a direct telephone line between Bhiwani and Pilani and if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): No, Sir. There is at present no justification for such a proposal.

**SENIORITY LIST OF BRAKESMEN OF THE
SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

*451. **SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a combined seniority list of all officiating and temporary brakemen of the Southern Railway has been prepared; and

(b) if so, whether it has adversely affected the services of thirty brakemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know, Sir, what factors were taken into consideration in compiling this combined seniority list, and whether it is a fact that this has adversely affected the interest of certain Mysore employees?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, the position is that on the metre-gauge section of the Southern Railway there are some very steep gradients and we had to employ certain brakemen to help the driver to control the train for applying handbrakes physically. Now, we have replaced those handbrakes by automatic vacuum brakes with the result that a certain number of brakemen

have become surplus. We have compiled a combined seniority list so that the junior most men, and not the people who are higher up, are reverted.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that there had been direct recruitment to these posts of brakemen some time back? Could the hon. Minister give an assurance that hereafter posts will be filled up out of these surplus men?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: After the Government install automatic vacuum brakes, these people will become surplus to our requirements. Therefore, the alternative before us will be either to offer them another job or to terminate their services because their services are no longer required. We thought that it would be better not to throw them out of employment but offer them alternative jobs.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know, Sir, whether this thing was not anticipated at the time of the recruitment of those people to these places?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No, Sir. It could not be anticipated because automatic vacuum brakes have been introduced on this particular metre-gauge section only recently.

LACK OF A GOODS SHED AT JAWALAMUKHI ROAD

*452. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no goods shed at Jawalamukhi Road railway station on the Kangra Valley narrow gauge line of the Northern Railway; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a goods shed at that station?