

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): We have received an interim report from the Government Inspector of Railways. We are waiting for the final report and then it will be time to write to the State Government about it.

संठ अचल सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भटिंडा रेलवे एक्सीडेंट में कितने आदमी मरे और कितने जख्मी हुए ?

Shri L. B. Shastri: This has already been answered.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

***204. Shri Keshavaiengar:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether the Employment Exchanges can impose any restrictions on the powers of selection by the appointing authority?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): No.

Shri Keshavaiengar: May I know whether Government can not secure some suitable employments to these people who are referred from the Employment Exchanges?

Shri V. V. Giri: The practice is this. The Employment Exchanges recommend to the employers suitable applicants from their registers and they leave it to the employers to make the selection.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that Government has issued certain instructions to give priority to certain categories of people like retrenched people from States etc.?

Shri V. V. Giri: Yes, Sir.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether in making recommendations, these Exchanges have got a discretion to withhold some and send in others enlisted for the same class of posts?

Shri V. V. Giri: They have to send suitable names.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether Government have issued any special instructions regarding reserved posts in Government offices which are being filled through Employment Exchanges?

Shri V. V. Giri: There are some orders of the Home Department

BHAVNAGAR-TARAPUR RAILWAY LINE

***206. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision regarding the construction of the proposed Bhavnagar-Tarapur Railway line; and

(b) whether it is a fact that several persons and organisations from Gujrat and Saurashtra have opposed the construction of this line?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not yet.

(b) Yes.

Shri Dabhi: May I know the names of the individuals and organisations who have registered their objections to the scheme, and what is Government's reaction to them?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There is a list of about 38 names; if the hon. Member wants, I can give them.

Mr. Speaker: He may be supplied with them.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether the Government has received any survey report of this line and whether it has examined it?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We have received a survey report, Sir, and it is still under examination.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether the report is against the construction of this line?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is still being considered.