Indian Contract Act, 1872

Section 171 - General Lien of Bankers, Factors, Wharfingers, Attorneys and Policy-brokers

Bankers, factors, wharfingers, attorneys of a High Court and policy-brokers may, in the absence of a contract to the contrary, retain as a security for a general balance of account, any goods bailed to them; but no other persons have a right to retain, as a security for such balance, goods bailed to them, unless there is an express contract to that effect.[1]

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1. As to lien of an agent, see section 221 infra. As to lien of a Railway Administration, see the Indian Railways Act 1890 (9 of 1890), section 55. [Ed. The Indian Railways Act, 1990 (9 of 1890) has been repealed by the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) Sec. 200. Now see the Railways Act 1989 (24 of 1989, section 83.]