(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The doubling of the line between Rajkharswan and Barajamda has been completed. The 5 mile spur from Barajamda to Gua is not proposed to be doubled.

(b) Does not arise.

Alarm Chains on Railway

*823. { Shri P. C. Borooah: Shri Basumatari: Shri Kumbhar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railway has blanked off the alarm chain apparatus in certain trains; and
 - (b) if so, why and in which trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 13.]

Beoing 707 Plane for A.I.I.

*824. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Air India International have submitted proposals to the Government of India for permission to purchase one more Boeing 707 plane; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration.

Participation of Labour in Management of Hindustan Shipyard

*825. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1757 on the 29th August, 1959 and state the nature of decision taken in regard to the introduction of the scheme of participation of labour in the management of the Hindustan Shippard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is given below:—

STATEMENT

The following Committees consisting of representatives of labour and management have been constituted:—

- (1) Canteen Advisory Committee.
- (2) Colony Schools Committee.
- (3) Suggestions Committee.

Though these Committees offer advice, their functioning affords an opportunity to the representatives of labour serving on them to participate increasingly in the affairs of management and thereby to acquire insight into the problems of management.

Again, in order to obtain increased participation of workers in the management, the Shipyard Labour Union has been approached to agree to the formation of a Works Committee on which representatives sit management and workers could together to discuss problems of common interest. This suggestion has so far not been accepted by the Shipyard Labour Union and this matter is therefore still under negotiation. The question of further participation of labour in management can only be considered after the Works Committee been formed and sufficient experience gained.