

**Phasing out Boeing 707**

**1489. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India has recently taken a decision to dispose of Boeing 707 ;

(b) the number of such aeroplanes which are likely to be disposed of ;

(c) whether global tenders have been invited ; and

(d) if not, how these Boeings are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Air India has recently taken a decision to dispose of five Boeing 707 aircraft.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Opposition to Electrification by Diesel Lobby**

**1490. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th September, 1986 captioned 'New offensive by 'diesel lobby' ;

(b) if so, whether the 'diesel lobby' in railways has been opposing rapid electrification for quite some time and the pace of the electrification had slowed down in the latter half of the Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes.

(b) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that there is any 'Diesel Lobby' in the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

**Construction of Bye-Passes on National Highways in Kerala**

**1491. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :**  
**SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :**

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of bypasses on National Highways in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Seventh Five Year Plan, a provision of Rs. 620.00 lakhs has been made for the following bypasses :

1. Calicut Bypass on NH 17
2. Tellicherry Mahe Bypass on NH 17.
3. Quillon Bypass on NH 47.
4. Trivandrum Bypass on NH 47.
5. Alleppey Bypass on NH 47.

Land Acquisition estimate for Calicut and Quillon Bypasses have been sanctioned recently. The construction of bypasses for Trivandrum, Alleppey and Chalakudy is in progress. The Tellicherry-Mahe bypass is in planning stage.

**Demand for superfast/express train between Berbampur and Howrah**

**1492. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the long standing demand for additional