

**A.I.R. Station at Sholapur**

1577. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3052 on the 15th March, 1978 and state:

(a) whether the proposal included in the Sixth Plan to set up a radio station at Sholapur has since been approved by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, when will its implementation be taken up; and

(c) if not, by what time the approval is likely to come through?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). Proposals for setting up of new radio stations and their locations are yet to be finalised in the light of the reduced provision of Rs. 86.50 crores allocated for broadcasting in the Sixth Five Year Plan (1978-83).

**Statement issued by All India Confederation of Central Government Officers Association**

1578. SHRI SHAMBU NATH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement issued on the 16th April, 1978 by the All India Confederation of Central Government Officers Association bemoaning "manifestation" and citing instances wherein the "Government far from wanting to be just had given the impression of being not only in the wrong but manifestly in the wrong" and alleging "efforts to tighten bureaucratic stranglehold over scientists and technologists, devalue their contribution and provide a rationale for foreign collaboration in areas where Indian expertise can do the job";

(b) if so, the specific grievances and objections to which reference has been

made in regard to the Central Information Service, Geological Survey of India, the Fertilizer Corporation, the P&T Board; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) The Government have seen a news item appearing in a section of the Press on 17-4-1978 referring to a statement purported to have been issued by All India Confederation of Central Government Officers Associations, making allegations of a general nature.

(b) The news item does not contain any specific details regarding the alleged grievances and objections of the confederation.

(c) In view of (a) and (b), question does not arise.

**Range and Power of Delhi TV Station**

1579. SHRI SHAMBU NATH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the range and power of the TV Station at Delhi; and

(b) if so, its extent and the time it will take to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to have a 20KW Transmitter (2x10 KW) with a 200 metre tower in place of the existing 10 KW transmitter with a 100-metre tower to increase the range from 68 kms. to 90 kms. and coverage from 14,300 sq. kms. with a population of 93 lakhs to 25,400 sq. kms. with a population of 129 lakhs. It is likely to be commissioned in about 3 years.