

ceremony, at about 6 P.M. and are switched off after about 45 minutes.

(b) The domes were not illuminated on the 26th January; but lights were switched on at about 6 P.M. on the 27th January, for about 45 minutes in connection with the full-dress rehearsal of Beating Retreat ceremony.

(c) There was no illumination on the 26th January, 1967, but lights on North and South Blocks were switched on, on the 27th January, from 11 P.M. for about 1½ hours for endurance test and trial for the Beating Retreat ceremony on the 28th and 29th January, 1967.

#### SANGLI TRANSMITTING CENTRE

74. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the Sangli transmitting centre of the All India Radio in Maharashtra State into a broadcasting station; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to materialise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Fourth Five Year Plan includes a provision for setting up a broadcasting station at Sangli.

(b) Subject to the completion of the preliminaries and availability of funds including foreign exchange component, the project is likely to be completed during the Fourth Plan period.

#### BROADCASTING OF A.I.R. NEWS-BULLETIN GOING OFF THE AIR

75. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio went off the air and did not perform broadcast its morning news-bulletin on Tuesday, January 10, 1967; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes Sir; on January 10, 1967 the news bulletins in English and Hindi did not go through in full.

(b) Due to interruptions in power supply at the Studios as well as transmitting centres.

#### I. F. S. OFFICERS

76. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I. F. S. officers who resigned since 1963; and

(b) what were the reasons for their resignation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) Three I. F. S. officers have resigned from Service since 1963.

(b) Two of the officers, who were women, resigned as a consequence of their intention to marry. One officer resigned after completing 29 years of service for reasons which were not stated in his letter of resignation.

#### AGRICULTURE PROGRAMMES THROUGH T.V.

77. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to televise such educational programme which is likely to improve agriculture;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and