

work of such protected habitants is proposed to be further extended. In addition, special care is being taken for the protection of the Siberian Crane. Captive breeding of the Black-necked Crane is also being worked out in collaboration with the International Crane Foundation. The recommendations of the International Crane Work-shop have been sent to the concerned States and organisations for appropriate action.

Promotion of National Integration

*260. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invite suggestions from independent national organisations dedicated to promote national integration in the country so as to build a better platform of developing communal harmony in the country and to prevent riots in future.

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c) The work relating to the promotion of national integration in the country is being looked after by the National Integration Council and through its three Committees. While formulating their policies, the Council and its Committees take into consideration suggestions made from various quarters. It is open to independent national organisations to send any suggestions that they may have in this regard.

Progress of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*261. SHRI K. A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is keeping to the time schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether adequate funds would be extended for the Steel Plant during 1983-84; and

(d) if so, the figures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The budget provision for 1983-84 is Rs. 187 crores. The question of provision of additional resources will be considered at the appropriate stage.

Establishment of a under power plant in Karnataka

*262. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:
SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to establish a nuclear power plant in Karnataka State during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether the site has been suitably selected at which the nuclear power plant is likely to be set up; and

(c) when a final decision would be taken by Government in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A Site Selection Committee has been appointed by Government to select suitable sites for the location of Atomic Power Plants. The decision to locate such a plant in the Southern Region can be taken after the report of the Committee is considered by Government.

National Average of Percentage increase in Annual Plan

*263. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of percentage increase of Annual Plan;

(b) is it applied to States also;