

(a) the progress made so far by the Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy in indentifying medicinal plants and herbs in various parts of the country; and

(b) the total amount so far spent in this respect ?

NIRMAN AUR AWAS TATHA SWASTHYA AUR PARIVAR NIYOJAN MANTRI (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) About 1000 species of medicinal plants have been identified by the various Survey of Medicinal Plant Units functioning in different parts of the country.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 4,34,653 has been incurred on the Survey of Medicinal Plants during 1969-70 and 1970-71.

Scarcity of Petroleum due to demand for rise in the Prices of Crude Oil

*10. **SHRI P. K. DEO :** Will the PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether following the demands of the private Oil Companies for upward rise of prices of crude oil, there is likely to be serious scarcity of petroleum in the country;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan to ensure regular supply of oil in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) . Do not arise.

Arming and Inciting tribals by Pakistan Government to launch Aggressive Action on India's Border

*11. **SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :** Will the RAKSHA MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan Government has been arming tribals and inciting them to

launch aggressive action on India's borders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

RAKSHA MANTRI (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) and (b). Government are aware that the Government of Pakistan have been training and arming insurgent tribals from India and inciting them to indulge on violence on Indian territory. protests have been lodged with the Government of Pakistan, the Security Forces are taking necessary steps to deal with the situation.

Suggestions of Study Group for Demarcation of Fields to curtail consumption of Petroleum products

*12. **SHRI P. GANGADEB :**
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are examining various suggestions made by the Study Group to demarcate fields in which the consumption of petroleum products could be curtailed in view of the sharp rise in price demanded by foreign oil companies for imported crude;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken by Government thereon ?

PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The recommendations of the Study Group are still under consideration and no final decision has been taken thereon.

Self-Sufficiency in Crude Oil

*13. **SHRI D. K. PANDA :**
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :

Will the PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI be pleased to state :