

(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 :

(a) whether any estimates have been made of the future requirements of crude oil in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to meet these requirements ?

PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). The tentative estimates of future requirements of crude oil, estimated production in the country and the quantities to be imported during each of the years 1971 to 1974, are as under :

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	Volume of estimated requirements	Estimated indigenous production	Estimated imports
1971	20.0	7.15	12.85
1972	20.9	7.8	13.1
1973	24.3	7.8	16.5
1974	26.5	8.8	17.7

(c) In view of the recent sharp increase in crude prices Government are examining ways of reducing consumption, and of diversifying sources of supply of imported crude, and stepping up exploration and production of indigenous crude.

Apprising the Friendly Nations about East Bengal Affairs

*14. **SHRI H. M. PATEL :**
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

Will the VIDESH MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India established contacts with friendly countries in regard to developments in East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the various countries especially big powers in this regard ?

VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most foreign governments including the Big Powers have assured us that they are using their influence with the Government of Pakistan to stop the use of force and seek a political solution. Many of them are, however, reluctant to state their position publicly on this issue.

Establishment of Central Ayurvedic Research Institute in Kerala

*15. **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN** : Will the **SWASTHYA AUR PARIVAR NIYOJAN MANTRI** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Ayurvedic Research Institute in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) If not, the reason therefor ?

NIRMAN AUR AWAS TATHA SWASTHYA AUR PARIVAR NIYOJAN MANTRI (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) to (d). The Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy has decided to establish a Central Clinical Research Institute (Ayurved) in Kerala, the main aims of which are :

(i) to find out better, cheap and effective remedies for prevention and cure of various ailments.

(ii) to provide training to the technical personnel of the various research units functioning under the council.

(iii) to assess the effects of various classical methods of treatments like pancakarma, Agnikarma, Raktmoksana and Jalukar Avacharana.

The Institute will consist of Research Section, Hospital Section, Laboratory Section, Pharmacy Section and Administrative Section.

The building offered by the Government of Kerala in Charuthuruthy has been found to be suitable for locating this Institute.