

quent arrests/detention that have to be made in the State and along the border. These steps also include, removal of congestion in the jails by rationalisation and reduction of jail population, including transfer of prisoners to prisons in other States, deployment of trained police personnel for watch and ward duties in the jail premises and strengthening of security measures and screening arrangements within and outside the jail premises.

#### **CRPF Training Centre at Nanded**

5639. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a CRPF training centre at Nanded in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b): It has been decided to set up Central Training College of CRPF at Mudkhed in the district of Nanded, Maharashtra, to meet the increased training requirement of CRPF personnel.

#### **Lead Concentration in Petrol**

5640. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendation of the Central Pollution Control Board regarding lead concentration in petrol;

(b) the present concentration of lead in the petrol being used in the country;

(c) the steps taken proposed to reduce the lead contents; and

(d) the time bound programme to bring the

lead contents to the standard prescribed by the Board.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (d). The Central Pollution Control Board has recommended that concentration of lead in Petrol be limited to a maximum of 0.15 gm/litre as against the current specification of 0.56 gm/litre.

Low lead petrol is already being supplied in several parts of the country. Projects involving installation of plants and facilities in refineries for further reducing lead content are in different stages of implementation.

#### **Treatment of AIDS**

5641. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that China has succeeded in treating AIDS with herbal medicine;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made efforts to ascertain the type of plant utilised for preparation of the medicine;

(c) whether research has been conducted on such herbal plants in India to develop medicine for AIDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to reports appearing in scientific journals, a number of Chinese plants have been reported to have anti-AIDS virus activity in vitro and in vivo (in experimental animals).

(b) Anti-AIDS activity has been reported in a large number of plants belonging to the family Cucurbitaceae. Some of them are commonly