

will take steps to bring the functional centres into being as soon as possible.

The members of the Executive Council of the Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation are:—

1. Prof. M. S. Thacker, Director General, Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi—*Chairman*.

2. Representative of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi—*Member*.

3. Representative of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi—*Member*.

4. Representative of the Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehra Dun—*Member*.

5. Representative of the Botanical Survey of India—*Member*.

6. Col. R. N. Chopra, C/o, Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu-Tawi—*Member*.

7. Representative of the Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow—*Member*.

8. Representative of the National Botanical Gardens, Lucknow — *Member*.

9 & 10. Two representatives from States—*Members*.

11. Financial Adviser to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi—*Member*.

The members of the Executive Council have been appointed to represent the various interests concerned. Col. Chopra has been appointed in view of the fact that he has specialised in the study and development of medicinal plants.

HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN DELHI

*81. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consi-

deration to start a higher technological institute in Delhi? If so,

(a) what is the expenditure involved; and

(b) when the institute will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): No, Sir.

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

SMUGGLING OF GOLD FROM PAKISTAN THROUGH JODHPUR

*82. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of gold is smuggled from Pakistan to India through Jodhpur;

(b) if so, whether this smuggled gold is sent to all parts of India by post and railways; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken to apprehend the culprits involved in the smuggling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that some gold smuggled from Pakistan to India across the Rajasthan border passes through Jodhpur.

(b) There are some reports to this effect.

(c) Various and progressively intensive steps are being taken to combat smuggling of gold from Pakistan to India and to apprehend the culprits involved.

OIL FOUND AT VADSER

*83. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that oil has been found at Vadser near