**ZIZYPHUS** 

BOTANICAL NAME :- Zizyphus mauritiana

FAMILY :- Rhamnaceae

LOCAL NAME :- Sohbroi

HINDI NAME :- Badar, Kola

## **HABITS AND HABITATS:-**

A tree distributed throughout India and in the outer Himalayas upto 1,350 m

#### PLANTS DESCRIPTION :-

Tree is about 16-20 feet, unarmed, having erected, and woody stem. The leaves are alternate, ovate-oblong, obtuse, crenate-serrated, glabrous, and 3-nerved. Cyme is axilary, scarely longer than the petioles. Flower is few, small with greenish yellow colour.

### PARTS USED:-

Fruit, leaves and root bark

### **MEDICINAL PROPERTIES AND USES:-**

Fruit is astringent, cooling, anoyne, stomachic and styptic. Seeds are antidiarrhoel. Leaves are astringent and diaphoretic. Stem bark are used for diarrhea. Root bark is applied externally for rheumatic inflammations and gout. Leaves and twigs paste are applied to abscesses, boils and carbuncles and in strangury.

# **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION:-**

Leaves give protopine and berberine, Sisyphus saponin I, II and III, jujuboside B and p-coumoroylates of alphitolic acid.

#### PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY:-

The plant is cultivated in a well-drained, moist to dry soil in sun. Cut back in winter to encourage the new growth, on which fruits are borne. Ziziphus Jujuba tolerates a wide range of growing conditions but needs a hot dry summer to fruit well. Ziziphus spp. Are subject to certain plant controls as a weed in parts of Australia. Propagation by seed sown when ripe in sandy soil, by suckers in spring, by hardwood cutting in autumn and winder, by root cuttings. In late winter at 5-10°C. Fruits are collected in early autumn when ripe, then parboiled, and sun-dried. Seeds. Are removed from the ripe fruits and dried. Both are used in decoctions

