

- (b) if so, the venue of the course;
- (c) the number of students selected by the Board and the number recommended by each of the Central Trade Unions; and
- (d) the duration of the course?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). The course is expected to start in Bombay early in 1961.

(c) The trainees have not yet been selected. It is proposed to admit 40 candidates to the course of whom 20 will be selected by the Board and 20 nominated by trade unions including 10 from the four Central trade union organisations.

- (d) Five to six months.

U.N.O. Militia

***794. Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Minister of External Affairs suggested the "Creation of U.N.O. Militia" while addressing the Rotary Ladies Day Luncheon in Bombay on the 25th October, 1960; and

(b) if so, whether Government considered the suggestion and forwarded this to the U.N.O.?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) No, Sir. No such suggestion was made. It may however be recalled that the Deputy Minister was speaking on the "Future of the United Nations" and not on the foreign policy of India. In the course of her address she mentioned that there was a school of opinion which had expressed the need for maintaining a U.N. force.

- (b) Does not arise.

Corporation to handle Drug Factories

***795.** { Shri Achar:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new corporation for looking after the new drug factories to be started in the public sector;

(b) whether the penicillin factory at Pimpri also will be integrated in the new corporation; and

(c) the total capital that is to be invested in the new factories?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (c). It is proposed to set up a separate Company for implementing the new Four Drugs Projects with Soviet collaboration.—these four units being (1) Antibiotics Unit at Rishikesh; (2) Synthetic Drugs Units at Sanatnagar, Hyderabad; (3) Surgical Instruments and Medical Appliances Unit at Madras; and (4) Phyto-chemical Unit at Munnar (Kerala). The total capital investment excluding investment on land, township and working capital is estimated to be about Rs. 28 crores.

(b) As the Penicillin Factory at Pimpri is a separate company and as the collaboration has been with UNICEF and WHO for penicillin manufacture and with Messrs Merck Sharpe & Dhorne of U.S. for streptomycin production, this will have to be kept as a separate company. There is, therefore, no proposal to integrate Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri, with the new Company. However, as the technical and administrative problems of the Drugs Project with the soviet collaboration and Hindustan Antibiotics at Pimpri and the organic intermediates plant at Panvel (Maharashtra) with German collaboration will be somewhat of common nature, a Coordinating Committee of the Chairmen and Managing Directors of these three Cos. is proposed to be set up for discussing and reviewing common problems of these factories.