

JEEPS

*1310. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the manufacture of jeeps in this country;

(b) if so, what is the name of the company which has undertaken to manufacture jeeps;

(c) whether any foreign capital has been invested in it; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Messrs. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., Bombay.

(c) and (d). The scheme envisages the investment of foreign capital to the extent of 10 per cent. of the total.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know what is the total capital?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I could not say what the capital would be. But, at the present moment, the arrangement really is that so much of foreign capital be allowed. The precise capital position has not yet been decided.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know which is the foreign concern that proposes to invest the capital in this venture?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The manufacturers of jeeps in the United States of America are the Willys Overland Corporation.

Shri Karni Singh: Are the jeeps produced by Mahindra & Mahindra of the same quality as the jeeps that used to come here during the war period?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The jeeps that are assembled by them are as good as any that have come into the country but they have not yet started producing.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Messrs. Mahindra & Mahindra have submitted a scheme under which complete, cent. per cent., jeeps will be made in India, and, if so, what is the date given in that scheme when we will be having cent. per cent. Indian-made jeeps?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There is no scheme which provides for the production of cent. per cent. Indian jeeps. The scheme envisages that in a period of three to four years, 69 to 70 per cent. will be made in India.

PENICILLIN PROJECT

*1312. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether two committees have been set up to examine the various aspects of the Penicillin Project; and

(b) if so, what are the precise functions of these committees?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes.

(b) The terms of reference of the two committees are as follows:—

1. *Expert Committee of Scientists.*—

To examine the technical side of the Penicillin Project from the production as well as the research aspects and to advise the Government from time to time on the steps necessary to ensure the technical excellence of the Project.

II. *Committee to study and advise on the question of the type of Penicillin to be produced and other related matters.*

(1) To advise Government on the extent and types of end products to be manufactured and the influence of these on the production mechanisms.