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(c) The matter has been examined and it has been found that it is not possible for HPF to supply photographic material directly to this Association.

Indo-French Training Centre

1956. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any pro posal under Government's consi deration for setting up of Indo-French Training Centre for small scale industries:
- (b) if so, what is the purpose for setting up of such a centre; and
- (c) by when the centre is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHA-

NANA): (a) The Union Minister of State for Industry, during the visit of the French Minister of State for Small and Medium Industry to India in November, 1980, made a suggestion for the setting up of an Institute of Technology for Small Scale Industries under the auspices of Indo-French Collaboration. Appreciating the suggestion, the French Minister said that a study would have to be undertaken for this purpose.

(b) It is expected that setting up of such an Institute would be an important step in the promotion of Indo-French technical cooperation in Small Scale Sector and will facilitate transfer of technology between the two countries.

(c) Since the suggestion is under the stage of consideration only, it is not possible to indicate the date by which the Centre is likely to be set up.

Posting of service officers to Laboratories

1957. DR. BHAIMAHAVIR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of service officers working at Directorate of Aeronautics, Department of Defence Research and Development who have never been posted to any Laboratory; and
- (b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to send them to laboratories in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Five.

(b) Yes, Sir, as and when required..

Project on Pilotless Plane

1958. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there was a project on pilotless plane at Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore; and
- (b) if so, what is the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project for development of a Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) has been taken up in the Laboratory of the Defence Research & Development Organisation. It is not in the public interest to disclose further information.