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are at present six Units engaged in re-rolling not steel operating in Pondicherry.

(b) During the last three years, the Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee granted "no objection" certificate to the setting up of seven such Units subject to fulfilment of certain conditions to ensure that these Units function within the prescribed environment standards. None of these Units have commenced production.

(c) No, Sir. this is not required.

(d) No, Sir. The re-rolling of steel is an activity with low pollution potential.

**Demand for making Tamil as official language**

5160. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been received for making Tamil as one of the official languages of the Union; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have not taken any decision in this regard. As per the provisions of the Constitution and in pursuance to the official Languages Act, 1963, Hindi and English are being used as Official Language of the Union, for the present.

**Additional Posts for strengthening Internal Security at the Border**

†5161. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for creation of 90 additional posts for the purpose of strengthening of internal security at the border;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.