

Gujarat Government that concession on the import duty announced on 1st August, 1985 is not beneficial to Gujarat;

(f) whether the Gujarat Government has urged the Central Government to reduce import duty upto 40 percent; and

(g) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard and what is the current difference in the prices of the imported and the local commodity?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. G PANT): (a) No, Sir. The average supply per month during the period April, 1985 to January, 1986 has been 12,240 tonnes.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Gujarat Small Industries Corporation Limited has been given permission to import 23,000 tonnes of pig iron through MMTC during 1985-86.

(d) Duty paid landed cost will depend upon the GIF value of import per tonne which varies depending upon various factors like time of contracting, country of origin, availability of the material in the international market. However, based on published prices the landed cost with duty is higher.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The representation from the Gujarat State was for a reduction in the import duty of pig iron. On 9-12-85, the import duty was reduced

from 70% to 55%. Currently the landed cost of imported pig iron is somewhat higher than the indigenous price.

Drinking water supply in Mizoram

*91. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware that drinking water was sold for Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 per bucket during the last summer in Mizoram especially in Aizawal;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to augment the drinking water supply in Mizoram and

(c) what amount has been allocated for supply of drinking water in Mizoram for the year 1986-87 as compared to that in 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) : (a) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Urban water supply is in the State sector. The Govt. of Mizoram is implementing a scheme called the Greater Aizawal Water Supply scheme intended to augment the existing level of water supply to 30 gallons per capita per day. The scheme is expected to be completed by 30th June 86.

(c) The required information is contained in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

statement

The outlay approved by the planning commission for water supply and sanitation sector of mizoram administration during 1985-86 and 1986-87

(Rs. in lakh)		
Year	Approved outlay for MNP	Outlay for programmes other than MNP (Urban Water supply, Urban Sanitation, Rural Sanitation).
1985-86	259	296
1986-87 (tentative outlay)	250	465