

**Shortage of G.C.I. Sheets in Gujarat**

7109. Shri D. R. Parmar:  
 Shri R. K. Amin:  
 Shri Ramchandra J. Amin:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the facts that there is an acute shortage of G.C.I. sheets in Gujarat State for the last ten years;

(b) the quantity of G.C.I. sheets requisitioned by and allotted to Gujarat State from 1960-61 to 1966-67;

(c) the quantity of G.C.I. Sheets actually supplied to the Gujarat State during the above stated period;

(d) whether the allotments for agricultural, industrial and residential purposes are being done by the Central Government or by State Government;

(e) whether it is a fact that G.C.I. sheets are being sold in Gujarat State at very high black market prices in large quantities; and

(f) if so, whether Government have taken any effective steps to find out the sources of black marketing?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Government are aware of the shortage at present of Galvanised Corrugated Sheets in Gujarat as well as other States.

(b) For 1960-61 and 1961-62, 4,742 tonnes of Galvanised Corrugated Sheets were allotted by Iron & Steel Controller for each year. From 1962-63 to 1966-67, no allotments were made to any state due to scarcity.

(c) The despatches of Galvanised Corrugated Sheets to Gujarat State were as follows:—

Year	Galvanised Corrugated Sheets	(In Tonnes)	
		Black Corrugated Sheets	
Sept. 1960 to Mar. 1961		1844	During 1960-61 to 1964-65 Black Corrugated Sheets were not produced
1961-62		2231	
1962-63		4988	
1963-64		3309	
1964-65		5445	
1965-66		2472	202
1966-67		562	1881

(d) Prior to 1.5.1967, when decontrol came into effect, allotments for agricultural purposes to individual States were being done by Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India, and for industrial and residential purposes the allotment was being done by State Governments out of bulk quotas given to them.

(e) and (f). All categories of iron and steel have been decontrolled with effect from 1.5.1967 and the question of any "black market" does not arise now. However, steps are being taken to increase production of Galvanised Corrugated Sheets in the country and it is expected that the market prices will come down as production increases.

**Steel Decontrol**

7110. Shri S. M. Banerjee;  
 Shri Molahu Prasad:  
 Shri Madhu Limaye:  
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported