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AMC to set up mineral water plant for staff

Amid opposition from the Congress, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) Standing Committee Thursday approved a proposal to set up a mineral water plant at a cost of Rs 3.97 crore. The water from the plant will be used exclusively for various functions and programmes held by the civic administration.

Committee chairman Bhupendra Patel said this was better than procuring water from private suppliers. He said the AMC's requirement of mineral water was three lakh litres every year, which would cost Rs 15 lakh annually. This could be saved by setting up the packaged mineral water plant. Opposition leader Badruddin Shaikh opposed the proposal on the ground that spending Rs 3.97 crore on setting up a water plant was a wasteful expenditure. He said an expenditure of Rs 15 lakh a year was not so high as to force the AMC to set up a water plant.