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Gujarat Vidhansabha, Gandhinagar.

Press Note

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Leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil today welcomed the decision of the Congress led UPA government to allow export of cotton under OGL describing it as a measure in the interest of farmers. In a statement he said that this has brought a great relief for the farmers of Gujarat.

Gohil criticized BJP government of Gujarat saying that it had negative attitude and did nothing for farmers. Gohil pointed out that Maharashtra government announced a package of Rs 2,000 crore for farmers, but Gujarat government did not take any decision. The government threw spanners in the CCI scheme to buy cotton at price of Rs 900.

Governments like Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have bought cotton at remunerative price from farmers. Gujarat government is not able to provide electricity to farmers even during day, he said.

A high level delegation of Congress had met Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Commerce Minister Anand Sharma for two days, Friday and Saturday and pressed for the case of farmers. As a result, government has decided export of cotton under OGL benefitting farmers. He suggested that Gujarat CM should adopt positive approach instead of negative attitude.

To,
The Editor,

Hon'ble Leader of Opposition has requested to kindly publish this press note in your esteemed newspaper.

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