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Gujarat Vidhansabha, Gandhinagar.

Press Note

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- **One more lie from Gujarat Chief Minister on the Gandhi Jayanti Day.**
- **Gujarat Government delayed sending data necessary for crop insurance relief. A criminal delay.**
- **Gujarat has not accepted Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (W.C.I.S). Great injustice to farmers of Gujarat.**
- **Union Minister of State for Agriculture Harish Rawat has presented facts in writing.**

Gujarat Chief Minister has started political yatra with public money in the name of Swami Vivekanand to cover his failures. In a public meeting in Saurashtra he had alleged that Central Government was not giving crop insurance money to farmers of Gujarat. In this context Congress had asked the Union Agriculture Minister to give the idea of the issue and to release the payment if it was due. Through his letter of 1/10/2012 Union Minister of State for Agriculture has conveyed that Chief Minister's allegation was a blatant lie. He has said that a sum of Rs 316.28 crore has been paid to farmers of Gujarat. In this Rs 88.43 crore of Gujarat was included. For insurance money of the Ravi crop of 2011-12, Gujarat Government should have sent crop production figure by July 2012. However, the data was sent after a great delay only last week. This has exposed the lie of the Chief Minister. In his letter, the Agriculture Minister has also informed that Gujarat has not accepted Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (W.C.I.S) in 2011 and 2012. Because of this farmers of Gujarat have been deprived of major benefits. If Gujarat Government had accepted W.C.I.S, farmers would have got money within 45 days and it would have been a great relief for them. He has also conveyed that under M.M.I.A.S, no claim is pending before Agriculture Insurance Company for four districts and nine taluka's.

Leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil released a copy of letter of the Agriculture Minister Rawat and said that it proved that Chief Minister was telling lie and it also showed the extent of loss farmers of Gujarat had to suffer because of him. Gohil said that the administration was not following established practice of paanipatrak as it was engaged in political activities of the Chief Minister. He has caused great loss to farmers by not accepting W.C.I.S. He has delayed submission of crop data. In fact, Gohil said, if Chief Minister wants to help farmers, Gujarat Government should give relief to farmers of Saurashtra, Kutch and North Gujarat. Many areas are reeling under scarcity condition because of delayed rains. Chief Minister should declare scarcity and provide relief. Gohil said that Chief Minister was not bothered about farmer or common men. He is just busy in misleading people through utter lies. Gohil alleged that Chief Minister had told hundreds of lies and released a list of his top ten lies before the media. He said that the nature of telling lies of the Chief Minister was an insult to Gandhi's Gujarat.

Top Ten lies of Modi

Chief Ministers lie	The fact
(1) During election time CM had claimed that KG basin had 20 TCF of oil and gas and my Gujarati will get oil and gas on opening the tap.	(1) DG Hydrocrabon has made it clear that KG basin does not have 20TCF of oil and gas. Its estimate is of only 2TCF. Even about this it is not sure how much is recoverable.
(2) My farmer buys new Maruti every year.	(2) Government does not offer any help to farmers. As a result farmer is forced to commit suicide and his mother is left to cry.
(3) At the time of 2007 Vibrant Summit, he had claimed that 25 lakh youth will get employment and within two years there will be no youth unemployed.	(3) The fact is that there are 8,25,488 educated unemployed registered with the Government. The figure is 2.5 lakh more than during the Congress rule.
(4) Farmer of Banskantha will send ketchup of his tomatoes and wafers of his potatoes to European market and will roll in Euros.	(4) The reality is that Government has not intervened in the market even once in the last 12 years and there was a time when farmers of Banaskantha had to throw their potatoes on the road.
(5) During election time he had said that women of Gujarat should remember that their brother is in Gandhinagar and one postcard would solve their problems.	(5) The fact is that he does not respond to any postcard. Mangalsutras are snatched. There is no rise of even a single rupee in the pension of widows.
(6) Amitabh Bacchan is playing Gujarat Ambassador free.	(6) In a reply in Assembly, Government has said that crores of rupees have been spent by the government without following any tender process.
(7) He had said that he does not take any money nor does he allow anyone to take money.	(7) CAG report reveals that he does not swindle in small amounts. He does not allow a common man to earn his bread and is not allowing appointment of Lokayukta for the last eight years.
(8) Central Government is doing injustice to Gujarat. It is taking huge money, but is not giving	(8) Central finance to Gujarat has increased during Congress time as compared to what it was getting

anything matching.	during NDA time. Details of Central finances is available on its website.
(9)I sent an SMS to Ratan Tata and Nano has come to Gujarat. The cost of bringing NANO to Gujarat is just one SMS means one rupee.	(9) The fact is that Gujarat has given benefits of Rs 33,000 crore to Tata for the Nano Project and also given it exemption from recruiting Gujarati's in the project.
(10)Central Government has replied to an RTI activist of Hissar that the Central government had spent crores on the health of Sonia Gandhi.	(10) Hissar activist himself has denied having made any such claim. He has clarified that Government did not give him any such detail.

A copy of the letter of Minister of State for Agriculture Harish Rawat is attached with the letter.

 To,
 The Editor,

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



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