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Press Note

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- **Governor's address does not have any idea about Gujarat government's concern for common man**
- **One who is known for his violent activities cannot build Mahatma's temple.**
- **Gujarat government becomes vibrant for handful of rich people, but it has nothing to offer to ordinary people.**
- **Money given for tribals under RSVM has been siphoned by NGO run by a BJP leader.**
- **Law and order situation in the state is out of control.**
- **In polytechnics and engineering colleges more than 70 per cent posts of teachers and principals are vacant.**
- **Government is not bothered about students of Amargadh Medical college of Bhavnagar.**
- **There should be an independent inquiry into the allegations of an IAS against Chief Minister that he is corrupt and his conduct is immoral**

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Shaktisinh Gohil today lamented that the Governor's address to the House which is official view of the programmes and policies of the government does not show any concern for common man. Speaking on the Governor's address in the House, he said that Gujarat government becomes vibrant for handful of rich people, but it has nothing to offer to ordinary people.

Talking about the much publicized Mahatma Mandir project, he said that billions were spend on it, but it was of no use if the Gandhian thought does not become part of deed and action in real life. When the hands soaked in violence build the temple of Mahatma, it is an insult of the icon of non violence. He said that while Mahatma traveled in third class, Gujarat Chief Minister always travel by air. Mahatma was concerned about poor and deprived while the Chief Minister is always worried about the interests of rich and influential. Mahatma had plain cloth wrapped around him, whereas the Chief Minister changes designer clothes five times a day. Gujarat misappropriates funds for poor. Giving an example of this he said that Rs 15 crore were allotted for Rasthra Sam Vikas Yojna for poor tribal of Panchmahal. However, a study by IRMA exposed that three NGO having close connections with BJP were given Rs 80.46 lakh. Nothing reached the beneficiaries according to the study done as per instructions of the centre.

This government is doing biggest injustice to tribal people. Central government has made law in favour of tribal but they are not given land rights by the Gujarat government. On the other hand there are moves to give land to moneyed people which made tribal owner a labourer in his own land. Gujarat government changes its colors like chameleons. He said that Governor's address talks about minorities. However, the fact is that while other states have got good and excellent remarks about the implementation of Prime Minister's programme, Gujarat has got nothing.

He said that minorities in Gujarat are prone to attacks maximum in the country. Giving figures, Gohil said that in 2006-07 there were 1244 attacks while in 2007-08 the number increased to 1372 instead of decrease.

Gujarat government is not discharging its constitutional duties, he said. Human Rights Commission is not given adequate staff. Despite increase in the workload of the RTI commission it is not given more hands. Lokayukta has not been appointed and the post of Deputy Speaker of Assembly is vacant for past several years. All these instances are insult to constitution and democracy.

Giving an example of worst kind of law and order situation, he said that a journalist of Kathlal was badly beaten up by police when he exposed a bootlegger. But no action has been taken against police. Those involved in the murder of Mulubhai Modhvadia have been honoured by giving license for their firearms. Government has not done any justice to Jabbardan Gadhvi in Kutch nor tried to save his live.

Standard of education is deteriorating in the state. In polytechnics and engineering colleges more than 70 per cent posts of teachers and principals are vacant. They should be filled immediately. Government is not bothered about students of Amargadh Medical college of Bhavnagar. One year is wasted.

There should be an independent inquiry into the allegations of an IAS against Chief Minister that he is corrupt and his conduct is immoral. The officer has written to the Chief Secretary for an inquiry. Citing this Gohil said that there should be an inquiry by SIT or CBI team constituted by the Supreme Court.

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The Editor,

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

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