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- **CM is squandering money provided for education of children for his own publicity in the name of shaala praveshotsav.**
- **BJP government at the centre used to give just Rs. 17 crore to Gujarat for Sarv Siksha Abhiyan while the present UPA government is giving Rs. 440 crore.**
- **Under IEDC BJP government used to give Rs. 41.60 lakh. UPA government is giving Rs. 1700.63 lakh to Gujarat every year.**
- **Crores of rupees allocated for education are being siphoned by people associated with the BJP.**
- **Hundreds of qualified teachers are jobless as Gujarat government is not implementing the ratio of one teacher for every 30 students.**
- **Poor children are not getting education because CM is not implementing RTE.**
- **There is an organized conspiracy to give away costly school premises to private parties.**
- **Gujarat government has closed down education scheme for disabled in rural areas and thus made teachers for such schemes jobless.**

Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly, Shaktisinh Gohil today demanded that Chief Minister should stop squandering for his own publicity the the money central government gives for the education of children. Talking to newsmen, he said that BJP government at the centre had given just Rs. 17.66 crore to Gujarat in 2001-02 for Sarv Siksha Abhiyan while the present UPA government has increased this amount manifold. This year, he said, it has given Rs. 440.65 crore for the abhiyan.

Similarly, Gohil said, the central government has substantially increased amount in Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC). In 1998-99 the amount was Rs. 41.60 lakh which has gone up to Rs. 1700.63 lakh in 2008-09. In 2009-10 this scheme was changed into Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage and the centre allocated Rs. 3444 lakh to Gujarat.

He blasted Chief Minister and other ministers for their campaign that Gujarat was giving lot of revenue to the centre, but was getting much less money in comparison. He said that 12th Finance gave Gujarat Rs. 21900.47 crore while the 13th Finance Commission Rs. 44107.09 crore. In addition to this, Gujarat is getting money through other schemes and projects also. However, he said, Chief Minister is squandering money for his publicity and also diverting money through corrupt practices. Consequently, Gohil said, Gujarat was not getting benefit of all these resources.

Government of India started RMSA and Model School Scheme in 2009-10 and in its first phase it allocated Rs. 64.99 crore to Gujarat. The government also sanctioned additional Rs. 167.61 crore for 47 schools. In 2010-11 planning, the central government made provision for 42 new schools, annual grant for 194 schools, repairing money for 194 schools, for training of 24,000 teachers, 2500 digital and communication laboratories and for the professional development of teachers of 194 schools.

Earlier Gujarat used to get negligible amount. Presently Gujarat is getting huge money, but this is squandered on Chief Minister's publicity instead of providing its benefit to students directly. Earlier governments had approach of schools nearer students while this government is planning to close down schools which have less than 100 students. This will deprive poor students of education and teachers of job.

He lamented that Gujarat government was not implementing the Right to Education. Under the RTE there should be a teacher for every 30 students. As a result, schools have a teacher for more than 50-60 students. This has deteriorated standard of education in Gujarat. He charged the government with collusion with the private schools. Gujarat government is not asking schools to adopt transparent admission policy, nor has it reserved 25 per cent seats for free education to poor, students belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories.

Gujarat government is giving government and civic schools to people close with BJP. Giving examples, he said that government school in Bavla has been raised down and a Hindi school in Vadaj area of Ahmedabad city has been brought down. No alternative accommodations have been given to students.

In the absence of toilets in many schools, students have to go home for toilet and their study is affected. It is unfortunate that Gujarat government wants to make money even in the pious field of education. Every child has right to Education. He further pointed out that there was scheme to provide education to disabled students in rural areas. The scheme has been closed down. As a result disabled students were not getting education and the special teachers employed for this were rendered jobless.

To,
The Editor,

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

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