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Press Note

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- Tribal woman Congress MP brutally treated at the instance of Chief Minister at Godhra.
- Woman MP Dr. Prabhaben Taviad was dragged on the stage by police under instructions from Chief Minister.
- Police treated brutally and arrested Congress MLAs and other leaders when they tried to submit a representation to Chief Minister.
- If CM has guts then he should hold political programmes under the banner of BJP.
- Chief Minister should stop using public money at politically motivated government function.

Leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil today condemned Gujarat Chief Minister for the inhuman treatment of Congress woman MP Prabha Taviad at a public function at Godhra presided by Chief Minister himself. He said that Prabhaben Taviad who was invited to the function as local MP was dragged on the stage and removed from there. Chief Minister was angry over her because she had tried to protest against the brutal treatment of Congress MLAs and other leaders who wanted to draw the attention of the Chief Minister to some local problems, he said. Chief Minister should apologize to women and tribal people for the public humiliation of elected woman tribal representative, Gohil demanded.

Giving details of the incident, Gohil said that Prabhaben was invited to a public function organized at Godhra for the personal publicity of Chief Minister under the banner of Krishi Mahotsav. Some Congress MLAs and other leaders were badly treated and arrested by police when they tried to draw the attention of the Chief Minister to some local problems.

As a senior Congress leader present there Prabhaben tried to take up the matter with the Chief Minister. Instead of interacting with the local MP, Chief Minister saw that she was dragged away from the stage. She was detained by police who took her to circuit house.

He said that Congress MLAs C. K. Raoulji, Hirabhai Patel, District Congress President P. M. Patel and other leaders wanted to draw the attention of the CM to the reopening of PDC bank and other local issues.

Gohil said that the Chief Minister was squandering public money for personal publicity through government programmes like Krishi Mahotsav. Local elected congress representatives were arrested while office bearers of BJP were given prominent place in government functions.

Gohil challenged the Chief Minister to hold political programmes under the banner of BJP and requested him not to waste public money for the gratification of his ego.

To,
The Editor,

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

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