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- Congress supports election of Speaker of Gujarat Assembly.
- To maintain the excellent parliamentary traditions Congress has supported the proposal of Speaker.
- As per the tradition deputy Speaker post should be given to Congress.
- Congress hopes impartial stand by the new Speaker in the House.
- The opposition in the Assembly should be given due respect at par with the opposition in Lok Sabha.
- The UPA government led by Congress or the Speaker of Lok Sabha has never suspended the opposition even for a day. Gujarat should also follow the system.

Congress has supported the candidature of Shri Ganpat Vasava as the Speaker of the Assembly. The Congress has shown care and sportsmanship to maintain the rich parliamentary traditions of Gujarat. At the same time Congress hopes and has demanded that the deputy Speaker post should be given to it.

Speaker of the Assembly has the responsibility to conduct the proceedings of the house neutrally. The glory of Gujarat Assembly having legacy of Shri Purushottam Mavlankar is well known in the country. In the past late Shri Raghavji Levua, late Shri Natwarlal Shah Shri Barjorji Pardiwala established themselves as impartial and efficient Speakers in the House. They conducted the House in such a way so as to ensure that the voice of Opposition was not stifled and constitutional traditions were followed.

Gujarat Congress hopes that the new Speaker will also follow the traditions and conduct the proceedings in a neutral way. Leader of opposition Shaktisinh Gohil, former leader Arjun Modhavadhia, Party President Siddharth Patel, deputy leader Shri Mohansinh Rathwa, whip Shri Iqbal Patel and other leaders congratulated Shri Vasava and expected that he would act impartially.

The opposition in the Lok Sabha disrupted the House for several days but still nor the Congress led UPA government neither the Speaker suspended them even for a day. The UPA government has the attitude to compromise and has given due respect to the opposition. The opposition party in Gujarat hopes that same tradition will be followed here.

To,
The Editor,

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

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