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Gujarat Leader of opposition Shaktisinh Gohil challenges the Gujarat government spokespersons and also revenue minister Anandben Patel on the issue of Kutch land scam for a public debate at Mahatma Gandhi Ashram. Gohil reiterates that the scam has been committed by revenue minister Patel, who overruled government officials from deputy secretary to the chief secretary, who had opined as per the provisions of law.

"If proved wrong, I will apologise to the state government in public," Gohil

The Kutch land scam exposed by me is based on the documents obtained under RTI from the revenue department. The documents have notings of the officials who dealt with the matter at that time. As a responsible opposition, I have discharged my duty to expose the wrong doing of the government.

However, after I briefed the media over the issue with documentary proofs on Monday, the state information department in the name of spokespersons Jaynarayan Vyas, minister health and tourism and Saurabh Patel, minister of state for industries and energy, issued a press statement denying that anything wrong was committed in the matter.

The statement issued in the name of two spokespersons justified the act of the minister, saying that it was done as per the provision of the law. However, except empty rhetoric, there is no substance in the statement as it does not explain under which provisions of the tenancy act such permission was granted to the private company who had failed to set up industrial project for which land was originally purchased.

In response to your statement, I request you to discuss the entire issue and its legalities at Mahatma Gandhi Ahsram, Sabarmati in a public forum.

Why the state government did not take possession of the land in the jurisdiction of Kukma and Moti Reldi under provisions of section 89 of Mumbai Tenancy and Agriculture Land Act?



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Why all officers remarked in negative on the file, emphasizing that there is no provision to allow the industrial group to sell the land directly to another industrial group. They noted that as per the law, the state must take the land back, as the company has filed to utilized for the purpose it had purchased the land. The officers included the then Chief Secretary D Rajgopalan, principal secretary G R Aloria, principal secretary P Paneervel and Deputy secretary Manoj Oza.

If no rule of provision of the existing law has been violated in granting the permission, why the revenue minister had to note that "permission be granted as an exceptional case?"

And last but not the least, could the revenue minister please explain as to under which provision of law she has granted the permission favouring the industrial group while overruling senior officials?

Let us have a debate on these points and if you establish legality of the act, I will apologize to you, the state government and public at large. But if you cannot prove legitimacy of the said act on the matter, you will have to compensate the loss the deal has caused to the exchequer.

If you agree to this request please convey to me by 2 pm and be at Gandhi Ashram at 4 pm. I am sending this letter to you personally to make sure that you get it. My mobile number is 9824000852 and my office telephone number is 23220995.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Shaktisinh Gohil)

To
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To
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