

# OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Gujarat Vidhansabha, Gandhinagar.

**Press Note**

**8<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

- **Authentic document of discussion in the State Assembly brings out the truth of Lokayukta issue.**
- **On 14.3.2011 on behalf of Chief Minister Vajubhai Vala had made a statement in the House that Governor has right to appoint Lokayukta.**
- **Evidence of absolute power of Governor to appoint Lokayukta.**
- **Reliable evidence that Governor alone has to consult and appoint Lokayukta.**
- **Reliable evidence exposes the lie of the corrupt Government of Gujarat.**

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Shaktisinh Gohil today exposed the lies of Modi government about the power of appointment of Lokayukta. He released to media details of discussion in the House which established the fact that Governor alone has power to appoint Lokayukta.

Gohil quoted from the speech of the Finance Minister Vajubhai Vala which he had made on behalf of the Chief Minister that Governor has right to appoint Lokayukta. Vala had said "Governor shall appoint shows that Governor has power to appoint Lokayukta but he has to consult High Court judge before that" "This right is of Governor alone Vala said".

This was stated by Vala during discussion on the demands of GAD on 14.3.2011. Chief Minister holds the charge of GAD and on his behalf the number two in his cabinet Vala had replied to the discussion on the demands of GAD. Gohil gave copy of discussion of March 14 to the media to prove his point. This makes it amply clear that on behalf of Chief Minister Vala accepted that only Governor has right to appoint Lokayukta and he has to consult Chief Justice before it.

Vala also made it clear that since the power to appoint Lokayukta exclusively rests with the Governor, the matter of appointment of Lokayukta cannot be discussed in the House. House can discuss at length an issue of power of government or power of the Governor on the basis of consultation with the government, Vala had further asserted.

The document with these details on Page 49 clearly establishes that government had misled High Court when it claimed that Governor does not have right but he has to act on advice of the Government. Government had made this submission in the Court yesterday.

It is a well established fact that a statement made by a minister in the House is taken as stand of the government on that issue. All statements are part of collective responsibility of Government. In case of any discrepancy in two statements on an issue, the statement made in the House is considered as authentic and right statement on the issue, Gohil said.

Lie of BJP on the issue is exposed by the statement of its own minister. The difference between Lokayukta Act here and in other states is clear from the proceeding during the formation of the Act and the statement of Vala, he said.

The truth of the lies Modi and his government are spreading from streets to President House and courts to Parliament is clear from the most authentic documents on the issue.

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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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