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Dear Editor,

It is important that we expose the lies and damn lies that our Chief Minister Narendra Modi has been blatantly resorting to. I seek your co operation in giving it wide publicity so that people can know the truth.

Thanking you,



(Shaktisinh Gohil)

Press Note

Gujarat Congress Leader Shaktisinh Gohil's take on Modi's speech at FICCI.

Adolf Hitler said that ““If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed.” Our Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi also believes in this adage. Lies and half truth has been his forte. It is sad that a Chief Minister lies almost pathologically and futilely attempts to hog credit for any and every thing.

CM Modi said he had sanctioned 50 per cent reservation for women in self governing bodies in Gujarat but it was sad that though there is a woman Governor in Gujarat she had not cleared the Bill. This is absolutely a lie. The Governor wrote to Gujarat government on April 5, 2010 not only welcoming the move but even lauding it. The Gujarat Congress also had endorsed this proposal of 50 per cent reservation in self governing bodies officially. CM Modi played dirty politics. He clubbed this Bill for 50 per cent reservation with a Bill to make voting compulsory. According to the constitution, in a democracy voting cannot be made compulsory as it is upto an individual whether she or he wants to cast her vote. This deliberate tying up by Modi was looked at by Governor. In fact the Governor in her communication on April 5 2010 said that the 50 % reservation Bill is “desirable, a welcome move” “But please remove this compulsory voting Bill that you have clubbed with this Bill. Even Election Commission of India has not agreed for compulsory voting. I would want to implement the 50 % reservation Bill at the earliest in this ongoing Assembly session only so I request you to delink the Bill”.

In short, Modi has just lied. His half truth is dangerous. This clear message of Governor who had actually requested CM Modi to delink the reservation with compulsory voting was read out by then speaker Shri Ashok Bhatt in the State Assembly on August 16, 2010. the Governor had even written to Mr Modi that if he is so keen for a compulsory voting Bill, he should delink it from 50 % reservation and send it separately. Interestingly when the Gujarat Vidhansabha met to vote for the Bill to be sent to the Governor, Modi did not even remain present in the House to vote for the Bill! This shows his concern for the issue.

- Chief Minister Modi is a megalomaniac who never misses a chance for credit. All of us have seen his love for publicity and credit hogging. So, Modi claimings credit about Lizzat Papad, Induben Khakrawala or Jasuben Pizza wala is just an eye wash. All these operations began before Modi's political birth. Modi should brush up his knowledge. Lizzat was born in Bhuleshwar, Mumbai and is even now headquartered in Mumbai and it was set up in 1959. Jasuben Pizza was started by a lady who migrated from Pune. Modi said jasuben is not fictional like kalawati. Well, Jasuben's 35 plus year old pizza shop has nothing to do with Modi's concern for women empowerment or welfare. In fact, Jasuben has died five years ago. Ditto with Induben Khakrawala. Modi simply wants to take credit for things he is not responsible for. If he wants to take credit for Lizzat papad set up in 1959, he should also take up credit for malnutrition in Gujarat girls, for shocking male-female sex ratio. Why does Modi always take credit for everything that is good and hearty. Why does he not take responsibility for what is wrong in Gujarat under his rule?
- Modi's bragging and fake credit claiming exercise is now known. If Modi wants to take credit for Lizzat or Jasuben, he should have also talked about Sewa, the world's biggest women co operative movement initiated by Ela Bhatt. It is public knowledge that after Shri Ela Bhatt refused to help him in elections, there were special audit objections and other harassments to Sewa which has been praised by everyone from Nelson Mandela to Obama. Why did Modi not name Sewa? Because someone close to him is unsuccessfully trying to replicate the SEWA model and Modi cannot dare to offend this High Command of his?
- Modi style of feminism is as slanted as he is. So he cracked cheap jokes on women and their use for cream and beautification. Modi tried in his best Bollywood style of dialogue baazi to focus on the role of women and how a Mother or a Wife plays her role perfectly. Mr Modi in the 21st century should know that true respect to women, true empowerment can come only when a woman is viewed as a woman. Her identity as a woman, as an individual is more important and she does not need a tag to be someones wife, daughter, mother, sister. She is herself an entity to be reckoned with, without any tags.

She has to have that much independence. Otherwise it is cosmetic empowerment talk.

- Modi could find time to go to Delhi and address FICCI women. Wish he has time or inclination to go and wipe tears of Jagruti Haren Pandya or those women in Rajkot whose family members have self immolated after being harassed by a former BJP MP and two BJP councillors. Modi had called Jagruti a daughter in the past? Does a father get a daughter's husband brutally eliminated? Is this the idea of Modi's women empowerment? Modi should first start respecting women in Gujarat and help jagruti haren pandya or the women in rajkot or those hundreds of women in Gujarat who suffer mal nutrition, who suffer domestic violence .
- Modi's style of practising and preaching contradict each other. If he has been claiming how he wants 50 per cent reservation in self governing bodies, why did he not allocate tickets to 50 per cent women in Assembly elections? Why are there only two women ministers in his Cabinet. Anandiben Patel and Vasuben Trivedi are his close confidants and everyone knows Modi's idea of empowerment.
- Modi is Number One is encouraging everything Fake. From Fake encounters to Fake claims. He is number One is spreading lies and half truths.
- I do not believe in derogatory language or double speak but on lighter vein i have to admit that Modi today spoke of how lots of women have connected with him on social media. Modi should have also mentioned that the global trend when he was talking at FICCI, Delhi was "Feku". Feku is a fake, a bragger, a person who just talks big and does nothing concrete. Modi's FICCI addressed became a global trend with Feku as a hash tag which sums up what he actually is and what he stands for.

Evidences in this regard are available on the website of Former Leader of Opposition www.shaktisinhgohil.com which may kindly be downloaded.

To,
The Editor,

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



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