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- Gujarat farmers have not been able to get their crop insurance dues just because of criminal negligence of BJP government.
- A serious blunder by Gujarat government has led to a piquant position for Gujarat farmers. The insured land of farmers appears more than what is claimed as cultivated land by Gujarat government.
- Insurance company has to retain services of Agriculture Finance Corporation Limited because of the statistical blunder of Gujarat government which is leading to delay in settlement of crop insurance claims.
- Union government has paid in advance Rs 700 crore to insurance company for kharif crop of 2012 of Gujarat.
- Crop insurance claim for 11 different crops of Gujarat farmers is estimated to be around Rs 3107 crore.
- Exposed one more lie by circulating authentic documents to media regarding crop insurance claims.
- Gujarat Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues keep on churning out false claims turning Gujarat government into a factory of lies, a feku factory.

Senior Congress leader and former Leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil has exposed one more lie of Gujarat government. Circulating details of crop insurance claims of Gujarat farmers, he said that it was a clear case of criminal negligence of Gujarat government which was being turned as a case of injustice to Gujarat by the centre by Chief Minister and his colleagues.

Giving details of this, he said that government has no real figures of the cultivated land in the state. Earlier it was done by maintaining water register. Government sent figures which were not real. As a result the figures sent by Gujarat

government to the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited did not match with the figures of land insured by farmers.

This criminal negligence of the government has led to the situation where the total insured land area by farmers appears more than what the government records claim. Crop insurance claim for 11 different crops of Gujarat farmers is estimated to be around Rs 3107 crore. Of this maximum is of groundnut which is Rs 3048 crore.

A serious blunder by Gujarat government has led to a piquant position for Gujarat farmers. The insured land of farmers appears more than what is claimed as cultivated land by Gujarat government. Insurance company has to retain services of Agriculture Finance Corporation Limited because of the statistical blunder of Gujarat government which is leading to delay in settlement of crop insurance claims.

Gujarat farmers are facing scarcity condition. Had Gujarat government not acted with criminal negligence, Gujarat farmers would have got money by now. Money after the scarcity period cannot be used productively in the farms.

CM and council of ministers constantly tell lies and consequently the state government has become a feku factory of lies. Sometime back one of the minister of the Modi government claimed that the state government was not able to pay crop insurance to the farmers as the Centre has not paid dues. But the documents prove otherwise. This shows another lie of Modi government.

According to authentic documents central government has paid Rs.700 crore in advance for crop insurance through AIC. On its own, centre even asked state government to ask for more money. The state government has committed a sin by not paying crop insurance to farmers. Still the centre government has asked Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) to remove anomalies and immediately settle the claims of farmers.

Note: A copy of the letter of the Union government which exposes the lie of Gujarat government is just a click away on <u>http://www.shaktisinhgohil.com</u>

To,

The Editor,

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