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- Ten years of misrule in Gujarat.
- CM's farce to solve problems at district level.
- Gross misuse of public money for political gimmicks.
- Gujarat debt crosses Rs 1,37,000 crore
- 5,900 routes of ST closed in ten years.
- Number of ST buses which was 8,573 in 2000 has come down to 6,514.
- In 1995 Gujarat had 2, 15,000 government employees. The number has come down to 1,74,000 in 2010.
- In 10 years, the number of employees in semi government sector has been reduced by 80,000.
- 8, 25,488 educated unemployed are registered in government records.
- CM has given away reserved, forest lands and Gochar land to industrialists.
- In last ten years supply of electricity to farmers has reduced to 3,756 (units in 10 lakhs).
- Fake encounter for political gain.
- Innocent are in jail while guilty are roaming free.
- Leader of Opposition highlight's the misrule of the Modi Government during last 10 years by presenting facts before the media.

Ten years of misrule have been completed in Gujarat. Instead of solving problems of people, Gujarat Chief Minister is trying to cover them up through million rupee extravaganza at district level, Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly, Shaktisinh Gohil said today while severely criticizing much publicized district level Sadbhavna programmes of CM starting from Dwarka. He said that it was unfortunate that problems were being created for permission to Congress to hold its programmes and Jamnagar MP not getting even one room in the circuit house of Jamnagar.

In the last ten years, problems of people had compounded. Debt of Gujarat has crossed the figure of 1, 37, 000 crore. ST routes which were 20,104 in 2,000 have come down to 14,947 instead of increasing. Similarly, he said, number of ST buses has decreased from 8,573 in 2000 to 6,514. People using ST services has decreased from 37,42,000 to 23,23,000. Visually challenged are getting lesser benefits in travel now. (Figures have been taken from Publication Number 34 of the GSRTC). He said that ST buses were grossly misused for political activities. Even in Dwarka function, the buses are being misused.

Number of staff in government jobs has come down drastically. Qualified people are moving jobless while number of vacancies is growing. Giving figures from the record of Director of Employment and Training, Gohil said that in 1995 Government had 2,15,000 employees while in 2010 it has only 1,74,000. In semi government organizations the number of employees has come down by 80,000, he said.

CM is blowing his trumpet of development, but the number of unemployed has increased. As per government records, the number of educated unemployed is 8, 25, 488. This is two lakh more than that during Congress rule.

Chief Minister is giving away land to industrialists at throw away price. This is part of land reserved in public interest. 30,000 hectare of land of reserved forest has been given away. In

the state in the last ten years, 2,82,000 hectare surplus land has been reduced. In addition to this there is great reduction in Gochar and other land, he said. This is as per the record of the Director, Agriculture about the use of land as per statement 3.2. This has reduced land for cattle's and breeders are forced to send their cattle's to slaughter houses. If CM had not given land to industrialists, cattle's would have been saved.

Electricity policy of the government is anti farmer. As a result, he said, in the last ten years electricity supply to farmers has reduced instead of increasing. Giving figures he said that in 2,000 agriculture sector used to get 15,489 (units in 10 lakh) which came down to 11,733 (units in ten lakh). This amounts to a reduction of 3,756(units in ten lakhs). These figures are from the record of Gujarat Electricity Development Corporation.

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Gohil said that only corrupt come to these summits for their own benefit. He quoted RBI figures of FDI for 2010-11. This shows that Gujarat has FDI of 3294 US Dollar while that of Mumbai 27,669, Delhi 12,184, Bangalore 6,133 and Chennai 6115. This shows where Gujarat stands in terms of FDI.

The state GDP during Congress regime ranged from 11 to 14 percent while it is quite low at present. This shows that there was good administration during Congress rule while at present there is misrule.

According to a recent report of the Human Rights Commission which was tabled in the House, crime has increased in the state. There are 81.47 percent i.e. 6,519 prisoners more than the capacity of the jails in the state which is a gross violation of human rights. There is misuse of PASA and the Commission has criticized the state for this. During the last 10 years crime against women has increased by 3,000 per year. The Human Rights Commission has also taken a serious note of atrocities on schedule caste in the state which has increased considerably during the last 10 years.

Like the famous mythological character Kans, who used to send innocent people to jail to protect himself after his evil deeds crossed all limits, the Chief Minister is sending innocent police officers to jail to save his skin. Many innocent Hindu-Muslims have been killed in the past 10 years to strengthen his vote bank. To get sympathy stories were floated that those killed in encounter had come to kill Modi. The police officers who carried out political missions have now been put behind bars to save Modi. Recently Sanjiv Bhatt has been put in jail because he tried to speak truth in the Supreme Court. When he tried to place facts about Haren Pandya's murder through an affidavit he was put in jail. It is evident that the complaint which has been filed against Bhatt has been managed.

The complainant who claims that the offense occurred on 16-6-2011filed a complaint a week later on 22-6-2011. This is despite the fact that he himself is working in the police department and knows law. His complaint is verbatim as follows: "We had asked that all the copies should be given to us, and we took the five original copies of the affidavit and five photocopies O/C were with the notary and he was told not to misuse them or give to anyone without my knowledge. I had signed on the last page of the copy by putting serial number and the copies were kept with the advocate. To prevent its misuse O/C and not for submission was written on it in English".

How can it be termed as an offence when the complainant himself takes the original copies of the affidavit and writes O/C and not for submission on the photocopies so that they cannot be misused? Is a person allowed to write such things on the copies if the affidavit is made under threat or force?

Serious complaints of common people are not taken and during the last ten years there are number of bogus complaints with political motive. Eminent lawyers are being harassed in the process to prove right the baseless action of police officers. People who have done wrong or have forced others to do wrong will have to go to jail if the inquiry in these cases is done in future by Honorable Supreme Court, Gujarat High Court, SIT or CBI.

Gujarat does not have any history of terrorist attacks. But due to speech and political agenda of communal disharmony of the Chief Minister terrorist attacks have taken place in the state during the last 10 years. There are hundreds of commandos for security of the Chief Minister while the rest of the state is unsecure. The borders of the state are open and posts in the police department are lying vacant. Because the CM wants terrorists attack the state to strengthen his vote bank while ensuring his own security.

All wealth has gone to a handful of people but nothing has been done for fix salaried employees, applicants waiting for jobs as dependents, widows waiting for rise in pension, tribal seeking right on forest land, farmers wanting Narmada canal, farmers seeking power connections in dark zone, families of HIV infected seeking assistance, small and medium entrepreneurs of the state and general public. During the last 10 years the state has not faced a single famine. The farmers have benefited from the central government's schemes of loan waiver and other farmer friendly schemes. The hard working people of the state have grown with the help of nature. The Chief Minister is insulting people of the state by taking credit for people's efforts without doing anything. Gohil highlighted the misrule of the Modi government during last 10 years by presenting facts before the media.

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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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