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- **Riddled with corruption cases frightened CM resorts to rhetoric.**
- **Maximum central aid to Gujarat during Congress rule.**
- **BJP and NDA has done maximum injustice to Gujarat.**
- **Smear campaign against the lady Governor is against Gujarat culture.**
- **To avoid reservation for women, Modi is clubbing the women reservation bill with compulsory voting bill.**
- **BJP did not spare even coffins of jawans to make money. How can it talk about corruption?**
- **During NDA rule Rs 21900.47 crore while UPA increased it to Rs 44107.9 crore.**
- **Congress raised central contribution by 101.40 percent.**

Gujarat Chief Minister is trying to distract attention of people as his multibillion rupee scandals have been exposed and further investigations by Lokayukta would bring out corruption that would be much more than that of Karnataka Chief Minister, Leader of Opposition Shaktisinh Gohil said today. He said that he has taken oath to abide by the Constitution of India, but he is insulting it by violating it openly. He said that the way he has launched a smear campaign against Governor of Gujarat, who belongs to Gandhian family, is against the culture of Gujarat.

Referring to the allegations of injustice to Gujarat, Gohil said that it was baseless and pointed out that he had challenged Modi for open debate on the issue. The fact is that Gujarat is getting more central contribution during the UPA rule as compared to NDA. He pointed out that during the period of 12th Finance Commission Gujarat got Rs 21900.47 crore while the 13th Commission increased it by 101.40 percent to Rs 44107.9 crore. This exposes the lie of CM, he said. Congress leaders from Gujarat and at the centre are trying their best for larger share of central contribution to Gujarat. He pointed out that during NDA rule Gujarat got just Rs 463.29 crore under various schemes like EAS, SGRY, DREA, PURA, DDP, ARWSP and PSC. In 2010-11 amount for these schemes was Rs 2567.23 crore, much more than Rs 463.29 crore. Gujarat did not get even a paise during NDA rule for urban development but Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot and Porbandar got Rs 5494.78 crore Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). This is for various basic infrastructural facilities. Centre has given to 52 towns Rs 30407.36 crore for water supply. Gujarat got merely Rs 23 lakh for child labour welfare project during BJP rule. This has been increased to Rs 2,50,17,324 during UPA regime in 2008-09. For different labour welfare schemes Gujarat used to get 125 programmes benefitting 3722 labourers while during UPA rule it is 563 programmes for 17941 labourers.

In his speech today Modi said that UPA was doing injustice to Gujarat. The fact is that it is Gujarat government which has levied VAT on fertilizer, the only state in the country. Farmers are waiting for electricity connection since 1995, Gohil said.

Gujarat government is selling electricity outside state at the cost of electricity to farmers. Gohil demanded that Modi should give details of fertilizer to Gujarat farmers during NDA rule and UPA rule. He said that fertilizer for farmers was diverted by BJP middlemen.

Blasting Modi for his allegations of corruption against Congress, Gohil said that if Modi was clean why he feared Lokayukta appointment. Why does he not table report of Public Accounts Committee on Sujlam Suflam. It is report of the committee which has both Congress and BJP members and it was approved unanimously. BJP did not spare even coffins of jawans to make money. How can it talk about corruption?

Gohil listed number of instances where Modi has not fulfilled his constitutional obligations. He has not filled post of deputy speakers which goes to Opposition. Post of RTI Commissioner is vacant and also members of Human Rights Commission. Modi does not seem to be interested in women reservation bill as he has not heeded to the advice of the Governor that a separate bill should be brought for women reservation. It should not be clubbed with any other bill, Governor had said.

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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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