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Senior Congress leader Shaktisinh Gohil today blasted Gujarat Chief Minister for trying to make political capital out of Uttarakhand tragedy. He said that his statements in Pathankot rally exposed his mad chase for prime minister's chair. He has shown his contempt for established practice of "no claims" for the work done for humanitarian cause.

In a media release Gohil pointed out that many Congress Chief Ministers had gone to Uttarakhand and gave generous funds to the calamity ravaged state. These Chief Ministers also made elaborate arrangements for people of their states trapped in Chardham yatra. But none went for any kind of publicity.

However, Gujarat Chief Minister whose office did not response to the cries for help of the relatives is now making tall claims as if he controls nature and can do anything for the victims. Gohil pointed out that Gujarat CM was the last to go to Uttarakhand and had announced a meager amount of Rs two crore while other states had given relief was ten to 20 times.

He said that there are 240 Gujarati pilgrims trapped in the Swaminarayan temple in Badrinath. Despite repeated calls from the swami of the temple for the last three days, there is no response from Chief Minister or his office.

In the last ten years, Gujarat Disaster Management Authority has met only twice and its spending has been kept out of the purview of CAG audit. He recalled how natural Surat floods were turned into a manmade disaster just because of inept handling of the situation by the government of present Chief Minister.

He referred to 2002 Kutch earthquake when help to Gujarat poured in from world over. It was BJP government in Gujarat and in Delhi. Despite this, Chief Ministers of all Congress ruled states contributed generously. Congress president Mrs Sonia Gandhi stayed here for three days even when Kutch was shaking under aftershocks. Senior party leader Ahmed Patel himself camped in Kutch for 17 days and supervised relief and

rehabilitation work. Despite this, no Congress Chief Minister or party leader indulged in any kind of politics.

Referring to his Pathankot speech, he said Gujarat CM indulged in rhetoric that is against the interests of our country. He talks about the security of the country, but people are not safe in Gujarat which he represents as CM. How can a man who has history of worst communal riots talk about the security of the country. Just to grab sympathy for himself, he managed fake encounters in Gujarat. Many police officers who were trapped in his conspiracy are now in jail.

Referring to the murder of senior party leader and former home minister Haren Pandya, Gohil said that Modi could not provide security to the leader whose entire family has RSS background. Pandya's father openly blamed Modi for the murder of his son, Gohil said.

In his speeches CM claims that Gujarat farmer buys new Maruti every year. However, the fact is that many farmers are committing suicide because of lack of government help and CM had no time to wipe tears of the family of these farmers.

Human Development Index here is going down. There is development of favourites only in Gujarat. Figures of Chief Minister are fake, development model is fake and encounters are fake. Everything is fake in Modi's Government. .

To,
The Editor,

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

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