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- **Open challenge for public debate to Modi who claims that 20 to 25 percent Muslims in Gujarat vote for him.**
- **Not only Muslims, even secular Hindus do not vote for BJP in the leadership of Modi in Gujarat.**
- **In 1990 Congress had got 33 seats with 30 percent vote share, but it got double the seats and vote share of 40 percent in 2012 after Modi came to power.**
- **Mahatma Gandhi brought pride to Gujarat by showing path of Truth, Chief Minister of that state who has earned name of Feku because of his constant lies should not bring disgrace to Gujarat.**
- **In the state of the Chief Minister who is giving all kind of advice on security, none is safe neither servants of Ram nor the followers of Rahim.**

Senior Congress leader Shaktisinh Gohil today challenged Gujarat Chief Minister for an open debate on his claim that 20 to 25 percent Muslims in Gujarat had voted for him. In his open letter to the Chief Minister, he has given facts and figures of several booths to drive home the point that CM's claim was a blatant lie. Not only Muslims, even secular Hindus do not vote for BJP in the leadership of Modi in Gujarat, he said.

In 1990, when there was no trace of Modi in active politics of Gujarat, Congress had got 33 out of 182 Assembly seats with 30 percent vote share. In 1995 Congress got 32 percent votes. After the entry of Modi in Gujarat politics, Congress got 38 percent votes with 51 seats in 2002. In the last elections in 2012, Congress got 61 seats and its vote share was 40.50 per cent. In addition to this NCP got two seats. Thus, it is clear that as compared to 1990, Congress got almost double seats in 2012. The main reason for this, he said, is voting of secular voters against the Chief Minister and the ego of the Chief Minister.

Giving details of Muslim dominated constituencies, Gohil said, it is obvious that Modi has not got votes of seculars. Quoting from the record of the Election Commission, he said, in Vejalpur Assembly segment in booth Vejalpur 134, BJP got only 14 out of 882 votes cast while in Vejalpur 135 it got 18 out of total 1132 votes polled. In Vejalpur 138 it got only 9 out of 914. In Makarba 14, it got 14 of the 1075 votes.

Giving example of another such constituency, Jamalpur-Khadia, he said that in Raikhad -2, BJP got only 9 out of 460, in Raikhad-3 it got 18 of 846 votes, in Jamalpur -1 it got 39/843, in Jamalpur -2 24/1097 and in Behrampura-38 BJP got 15/1279.

Giving example of Surat city, he said that in booth 22 of Surat east BJP got only 6 of the 645 votes polled, in booth 63 it got only 3 of the 606 votes. BJP got 21/709 in the booth 65 of this constituency. In booth 138 the ruling party got just 14/590 votes.

In view of this, Gohil said, it is obvious that the constituencies which have lesser Hindu votes, Modi has got negligible share of Hindu votes. Wherever there are secular votes, BJP has got a very poor response, he said. Despite this Modi is spreading blatant lies of Muslims support. He challenged Modi to come for open debate with his figures of 20-25 percent Muslim support. I will expose the lies of Modi, he said.

In his open letter to Modi, he said that Gujarat where Gandhi was born and who showed the path of truth to the world that Gujarat's chief minister tells lies. People find out his lies and consequently words like feku for MOdi become a trend on twitter. This brings shame and disgrace to Gujarat. Gohil request Modi not to indulge in lies and not to bring disgrace to Gujarat.

In a open letter to the Chief Minister Gohil said that before giving advice on security the CM should first see state of affairs in his own state. In 1982 hundreds of karsevakas from Gujarat had gone to Ayodhya but not a single person was affected. Governments in the past have been always worried about the security of all irrespective of their religion. But after garnering votes in the name of Ram the CM has failed to provide security even to Ram bhakts. After burning alive followers of Ram the CM burned followers of Rahim just to strengthen his vote bank. Modi has not provided security to either hindus or Muslims. Not

only that he has killed innocent people branding them as terrorist through fake encounters just for his vote bank.

Gohil said that if claims of the state's development in Modi regime were true then percentage of Congress seats and votes as in earlier BJP rule should have declined but the fact is that like fake encounter, fake figures the claims of development of the state are also fake. Consequently Congress has fared better and not only its seat but percentage of votes has also increased.

The CM who is spending crores of rupees from the state exchequer for marketing his so called development model does not speak about development during poll time. Instead he creates rift between Hindus and Muslims fuelling an atmosphere of fear and then garners votes by spreading blatant lies.

During every election that has come after Modi has become CM he talks only about Afzal Guru, Miya Mushraf and celebrations in Pakistan if Congress wins, hindus not safe if Congress won and in the last election he won votes by claiming that the Central government would give away Sir Creek to Pakistan. This shows that the CM cannot get votes in the name of development and his model of development is also fake.

To,
The Editor,

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

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