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The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General presented on the last day of the budget session of Gujarat Assembly is a certified document of rampant corruption and inefficiency of Gujarat government, national spokesperson and Congress MLA from Abdasa Shaktisinh Gohil.

Talking to media, Gohil said that precisely to avoid any discussion on its deals and doings, BJP government of Anandi Patel placed the report on the last day of the session after suspending Congress MLAs. BJP government has been systematically subverting established standard parliamentary practices, he said. The report should have been placed in the beginning of the session so members could discuss it.

Referring to the working of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd (GSPC), he said that it invested around Rs 19,576 crores for development of the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin, but did not find even a drop of oil or gas. GSPC invested Rs 1757.46 crore in its 10 blocks abroad and 99 percent of the expenditure amounting Rs 1734.12 crore has been written off.

Pointing out that Gujarat is a border state, he said that CAG report has exposed huge shortage of arms, ammunitions and transport for police while BJP leaders move under heavy security cover. They are concerned about their security only without bothering about people.

The CAG also raised issue of non-submission of utilization of certificates. It noted that in 2014-15, total Rs 8,160.78 crore worth utilization certificates were not submitted. "Non-submission of utilization certificates indicates lack of proper monitoring by the departments in utilization of grants given for specific purposes," the CAG noted.

Referring to the claim of smart city of Gujarat government, he said that CAG points out incomplete work of joining to lakes of Ahmedabad, non spending of Rs 180 crore allotted to

Vadodara Urban Development Authority for development. Only 2.69 percent of the targeted land has been reserved for housing for poor in Vadodara.

Government talks about tribal welfare. But three irrigation schemes in tribal areas with potential of 32900 hectares is irrigating just 3361 hectares even 13 years of launch of scheme in 2003, he said.

Though Jaipur Metro project got permission after Ahmedabad, Jaipur project has taken off. What is more the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metrolink is full of corruption. The government started metro work at Indroda, Chiloda and Motera. and spent Rs 337.62 crore but later realised that they did not have permission for it. The money has gone down the drains, Gohil said..

Skill development programmed launched in 2009 when Narendra Modi was Chief Minister had promised to employ at least 4.75 lakh youth every year after providing them skill training but till the last year only 1185 were employed. Even in this there was repetition of beneficiaries Gohil said while citing CAG report.

There was time when Gujarat was known for excellent health services. But today, district level health units have shortage of doctors to the extent of 77 percent. In tribal Dahod district there is facility of only 150 beds against sanctioned strength of 150.

Rs 42.80 crore loss has been incurred by state owned ship building company Alcock Ashdown in Bhavnagar just because of bungling of the state government, CAG report mentions.

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