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PRESS NOTE

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On Saturday (August 26), in a special media briefing in New Delhi and Ahmedabad, the Congress party has exposed how the Government of Gujarat has shown special favours to its most favoured Adani group by making excess payments of Rs. 3,900 crore from October 2018 to March 2023.

Member of Parliament (Rajyasabha) and President, Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee Shri Shaktisinh Gohil said that, I have produced a letter written by the Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. to Adani Power Mundra Ltd. dated May 15, 2023 in which the GUVNL in its board meeting admitted that it has made excess payment. In the letter it had asked the Adani Power to immediately return the excess payments it has received and it has categorically stated that the Adani Power had not submitted invoices/ supporting documents with regard to procurement of coal and its coal price is much higher than the market price of Indonesian coal.

The letter has all the details in black and white figures.

Now, after the Congress party's expose, the Gujarat Government's spokesman came up with some lame responses to defend the indefensible act of Rs. 3,900 crore scam.

The minister spokesman has not responded to any question the Congress party had asked. The minister has also not provided any details or any clarification and just made some meaningless and empty comments.

Today again, I reiterate all the questions I posed to the this shameless and corrupt government of cronies why the excess payments were made for five years, at whose behest the payments were processed and released, why auditors did not raise the queries and on what basis the payments were computed and released when the Adani Power did not submit genuine invoices and supporting documents of coal procurement. And most importantly, whether the recovery of Rs. 3,900 crore would be with or without interests ?

After the spokesman minister's lame responses to defend this crony model of corruption, I have a few more questions :

Does the Govt. of Gujarat or (Gautam) feel that the resolution passed in the board meeting of GUVNL and subsequent letter and its contents are not true? Because, the letter has spelt out all the details in clear and categorical language.

Is it true that former director (finance) of GUVNL is now CEO of Adani Power? If true, would the state contemplate any action against that officer?

Will the spokesman minister tell the people of Gujarat whether the recovery will be made with interests ? As per our calculations, interests of Rs. 3,900 crore excess payments would work out more than Rs. 1,500 crore.

Will the government and the state now act against the BJP's favoured crony corporate who has been inflating the energy costs by creating bogus companies to loot the power consumers or the people of the state?

And last but not the least, this letter is a government document and in future it will become a basis of money laundering case so I, as a responsible president of the opposition party, member of the Rajya Sabha and former minister of Gujarat government, I want the officials to not go out of the rule book to carry out the blatantly corrupt agenda of the ruling party and its cronies at the cost of public exchequer.



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