

## **Unregulated Expenses by the Government**

On one hand, there is an increase in the poverty of people within the State of Gujarat. And on the other hand, Government is spending crores of rupees, which is unregulated and in unbridled exercise of discretion. Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of the State of Gujarat spent Rs. 7.41 crores towards the advertisement for Sadbhavna Fast. He spent Rs. 45 crores for fighting the litigation to oppose the appointment of Justice R.A. Mehta as Lokayukt. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation spent 8.67 crores after festivals during the year 2013-2014 including the expense of 1.29 lacs for Sabarmati Marathon. Even the amount of Rs. 438 crores is spent out of the refundable deposits of the citizens placed in the hands of Corporation towards security deposit, construction work deposit, tender amount work deposit. In the Run Mahostav held in December 2013, the Government spent Rs. 1.78 crores. In the bird watchers conference Rs. 1.16 crores is spent by the Government. After the Kite Festival, Rs. 1.52 crores is spent by the Government. As per the latest report, the number of citizens

in the State of Gujarat, who are not earning is increased from 2.90 crores to 3.56 lacs. Recently 9000 P.T.C students were not issued the pass by the State Transport Corporation on the pretext of increased monetary burden. The regular appointment for regular posts is stopped in last several years with the State of Gujarat under the pretext of less expense, though the number of Government employees is reduced from 4.69 lacs in the year 2007 to 3.71 lacs in the year 2014, thereby affecting the service to the common people and also depriving the citizens from a reasonable pay from the Government in the form of regular appointment because the Government has started contract appointments and fix pay appointments giving paltry amount to the employees. In the district of Ahmedabad the number of mal-nourished children has come to 36057. About 1000 micro, small, medium enterprises have closed down in the State of Gujarat in last few years as per the survey report by index b who is organising Vibrant Gujarat Summit. Thus the middle class persons are facing bigger problem. Even the public account committee of the State of Gujarat in its 4<sup>th</sup> report tabled in

the Assembly in the year 2011 criticised the State Government for its uncontrolled expenses that are beyond budgetary limits, which reached deaf ears.

The people of Gujarat should awake from the slumber and should oppose such unregulated expenses which is ultimately from the pockets of citizens.

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