

## **Lok Gathbandhan Party flays NDA govt for PNB looter Mehul Choksi's Antiguan citizenship**

**New Delhi, August 04:** Criticising the NDA government for failing to nab looters of PNB Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi, the Lok Gathbandhan Party (LGP) today said that complicity of the various agencies of the Indian government is clear in providing clearance to Choksi for his Antiguan citizenship. The LGP said the police and SEBI clearance for the purpose of citizenship to the fugitive Mehul Choksi was not possible without involvement at the top level.

The spokesperson of the party said here on Saturday that charges and counter charges being traded between Indian and Antiguan agencies over the issue, are meaningless as both sides were involved in helping the scamster in getting the citizenship of a country which even does not have extradition treaty with India. The spokesperson said the whole criminal conspiracy was orchestrated in a planned manner, to assist the PNB plunderer to escape the country. The spokesperson said even after eight months of registration of the case against Modi and Choksi, the investigating agencies have failed to make any breakthrough in nabbing them, which indicates their poor and haphazard functioning. The spokesperson said it appeared that efforts are made more for protecting them than to bring them back to country for criminal trial.

The spokesperson said the recent report also indicates as to how Punjab bank officers flouted norms to help the two scamsters that led to loot of Rs 14000 crore from the bank. The spokesperson said that with extremely slow pace in the investigation, it would be difficult to bring back these criminals to India and ensure exemplary punishment. The spokesperson said that both the criminals have made their intentions clear and conveyed to CBI that they will not return to India.

The spokesperson said it is strange to see that despite Interpol alerts, both fugitives are roaming around the world and doing business which indicates that the CBI and enforcement directorate are either helpless or politically under pressure to go slow in the case to allow fading away of the issue from the memory of the people, as has happened in many such corruption issues in the past. The spokesperson said the NDA government has passed the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill to further empower the probe agencies but the bill has not helped in any way. The spokesperson said the law is more of a political propaganda than a tool to act against PNB scam accused. The spokesperson also criticized the NDA government for failing to improve functioning of the public sector banks as a result of which the PNB scandal occurred. The spokesperson said that the banking sector has been facing acute crisis since long because of massive fraudulent activities going on in the bank. The spokesperson said that while the non-performing assets (NPAs) have virtually pushed the PSBs on the brink of disaster, such frauds have added more woes to the sector. The spokesperson said the fraud has vastly exposed weaknesses existing in the bank's security system and in the maintenance of its records.

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State President**

बैंक घोटाले के दोषी कबतक क़ानून की गिरफ़्त से बाहर रहेंगे - लोक गठबंधन पार्टी

नई दिल्ली , 4 अगस्त, लोक गठबंधन पार्टी ने केंद्र सरकार से कहा कि बैंकों को लूटने और लूट के पैसे के साथ विदेश भाग जाने वालों को पकड़ कर क़ानून के हवाले करने और लूट का पैसा देश में वापस लाने के उसके दावे का क्या हुआ , उसे जनता को तुरंत बताना चाहिए । पार्टी प्रवक्ता ने केंद्र सरकार को याद दिलाया कि सरकार ने देश की जनता को भरोसा दिलाया था कि जल्दी ही सभी भगोड़ों को तुरंत पकड़ कर क़ानून के हवाले किया जाएगा , इस वादे को पूरा करने में सरकार पूरी तरह असफल रही है और लगभग आठ महीने बाद भी अभी तक सिर्फ़ बयान बाज़ी के अलावा कुछ भी खास कार्यवाही कर पाने में जाँच एजेन्सी सफल नहीं हो सकी।

प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि ऐंटीग्वा सरकार की एजेन्सी ने जब यह साफ़ कर दिया है कि मेहल चौकसी को नागरिकता देने से पहले रीजनल पासपोर्ट ऑफ़िसर , एवं अन्य एजेन्सी से जानकारी की गई थी और किसी भी संस्था ने कोई भी नकारात्मक रिपोर्ट नहीं दी थी , तो अब एन.डी.ए. सरकार की ज़िम्मेदारी है कि वह सारा सच देश के सामने रखे और यह भी बताए कि सरकारी जाँच एजेन्सी अभी तक बैंक घोटाले में शामिल बैंकों के शीर्ष अधिकारियों के खिलाफ़ क्या कार्यवाही की । प्रवक्ता ने केंद्र सरकार से माँग की कि समय आगया है कि सरकार इस मामले को गम्भीरता से लेते हुए सभी भगोड़ा लोगों को तुरंत सभी आवश्यक क़दम उठाते हुए क़ानून के हवाले करे और लूटा गया पैसा देश में वापस लाएँ ।