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**Lok Gathbandhan Party assails UP govt on law and order issue**

**Lucknow, April 13: The Lok Gathbandhan Party (LGP) today said that Unnao rape case involving a BJP MLA has badly exposed declining law and order in the state. The party said the BJP rode to power on a promise of controlling crimes, which had assumed serious dimension during SP regime, but after one year in power the BJP government has landed in the same position.**

**The spokesman of the party said here on Friday that the Unnao case has highlighted major flaws in UP’s law and order and the BJP government’s tall claim of improving the situation lies completely shattered. The spokesman said the way the BJP leadership tried to defend the main rape accused in Unnao case has amply demonstrated that the party is no different from its predecessor. The spokesman said the UP police acted against the BJP MLA only after public anger and outcry, which amply indicated that BJP’s claim of a party with a difference is a farce. The registration of FIR in Unnao rape case after nearly a year is a clear case of protecting the perpetrators of crime the spokesman said and added the death of father of rape victim in judicial custody has also eroded the trust of the people in the BJP government. The spokesman said the law and order situation has not at all improved as records indicated around 800 rape cases during first two months of installation of the BJP government in April 2017.**

**Criticizing the UP government for its utter failure in improving law and order, the spokesman said despite BJP’s tall claims the ground realities are absolutely different. The spokesman said during his visit to Lucknow in January the Vice President Venkaiah Naidu had also commented on state’s law and order situation. The spokesman said as compared to worst crime situation during previous Samajwadi Party regime, there has not been any improvement under the BJP’s dispensation. The spokesman said the BJP had come to power on issues of worst crime situation during SP government, bad governance and massive corruption but the BJP too has failed in making any change in this connection. The spokesman said crime reports from various parts of the state indicated that the situation is almost same everywhere.  The spokesman said the BJP government’s effort for investment is unlikely to yield any positive result because of bad law and order condition. The LGP said the BJP’s slogan of “bullet for bullet” in controlling crime has been badly exposed as people are quite worried about the prevailing situation.**

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**State President**