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Salient Points of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah's Press Conference

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addressed a press conference at the Bharatiya Janata Party's state office in Guwahati, Assam on Tuesday. Shri Shah refuted the misleading narrative put forward by Congress and opposition parties that BJP's goal of surpassing 400 seats is to change the Constitution and end reservations. He strongly criticized Congress for attempting to mislead the public through fake videos. In the press conference, the fake video spread by the Congress and the actual speech video of Hon'ble Union Minister were also presented to the journalists.

Shri Shah highlighted that two out of the seven phases of the election have been completed. **In these two phases, based on the Bharatiya Janata Party's internal assessment, BJP and NDA have significantly secured far more than 100 seats.** With great confidence, the blessings and the support of the people, BJP is moving forward toward the goal of '400 Paar'. **In Assam, Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand, BJP appears to be achieving significant electoral success.** Alongside this, voting has already taken place in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the south, with some parts left in other regions, but **the initial trends show that BJP is receiving a very good response in southern India as well.** Due to these reasons, the goal of '400 Paar' is certain to be achieved.

Hon'ble Union Home Minister stated that for a few days now, the **Congress party has been trying to twist the goal of '400 Paar'.** They have tried to portray the goal as a means to change the Constitution, while also spreading false claims that **BJP will abolish reservations after surpassing 400 seats.** Both of these claims are baseless and unsubstantiated. The people of the country have given BJP a clear majority in both 2014 and 2019 elections. The party has been running a government with a clear majority for 10 years. **Unlike Congress, we have not used our majority to impose an emergency and strangle democracy, extend the term of the Lok Sabha, or amend the Constitution.** Instead, we have used our majority to end Article 370 and triple talaq. We have also used it to combat COVID-19, to replace colonial laws with laws rooted in Indian culture and tradition and with the court's decision in hand, the government has played its role in the construction of the Ram Mandir.

Shri Shah stated that the **Congress party is spreading falsehoods to incite unrest among the people.** He clarified that **BJP supports reservations for SC-ST/OBC communities and will continue to protect them.** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has reiterated this stance in many public speeches. **If any political party has attempted to compromise reservations for SC-ST and OBC communities, it is the Congress party.**

Hon'ble Union Home Minister stated that Congress first introduced reservations for Muslims in the united Andhra Pradesh region, which led to a reduction in OBC reservations. Subsequently, in Karnataka, they placed all Muslims in the OBC category without proper surveys or assessments of backwardness and reserved a 4% quota for them, again diminishing reservations for backward classes. **BJP believes that reservations based on religion are not constitutional and are against the principles of the Constitution.** When we take power in these states, **we will eliminate reservations based on religion and work to ensure justice for SC-ST and OBC communities.**

Shri Shah stated that Congress' distribution of a fake video of him is a reflection of their desperation and disillusionment. **Congress is attempting to mislead the public with this fake video, and senior Congress leaders have backed it.** However, the Bharatiya Janata Party has shared the original video with the public, exposing the falsehoods spread by Congress.

Hon'ble Union Home Minister asserted that since **Rahul Gandhi took charge of the Congress, politics has descended to the lowest level. Preventing discussions in the Lok Sabha, boycotting debates in the Rajya Sabha, and spreading baseless rumors among the public** are examples of this low-level politics, which the Congress under his leadership continues to engage in. Now, their attempt to disseminate fake videos to garner fake public support is highly condemnable and no major political party in Indian politics has ever done such a thing.

Shri Shah urged journalists to deliver truth and protect the public from misinformation. Instead of spreading fake videos and distorting the BJP's manifesto, the opposition political parties should contest elections based on their principles, actions and manifestos.
