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# Pulled up for 'regret', Rahul to tender apology for linking 'chowkidar chor hai' jibe to SC order

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NEW DELHI: Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said he will apologise to the Supreme Court for linking the top court's order to his "Chowkidar Chor hai" political jibe at PM Narendra Modi. This, after the top court pulled up the Congress president and asked him to accept his mistake.

Rahul Gandhi's counsel A M Singhvi admitted to the top court that there were three errors in Rahul Gandhi's affidavit and said the Congress president will file a new affidavit tendering an apology by Monday.

The Supreme court allowed Gandhi's plea and gave him opportunity to file another affidavit. The court posted the matter for hearing on May 6.

"Rahul Gandhi has been candid to admit his mistakes and has apologised for it," Singhvi said as the CJI-led bench strongly pulled up the Congress president during the hearing of the contempt petition filed by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi.

Earlier, during the hearing, the court pulled up Rahul Gandhi over his 22-page affidavit to express regret.

"You take 22 pages of affidavit to express regret?" the court asked Rahul's counsel.

The bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi observed that in the affidavit, at one point the Congress is admitting the

mistake and at one point denying making contemptuous remarks.

The bench also asked Rahul Gandhi's counsel what was the meaning of expressing regret by putting the word in brackets.

Rahul Gandhi had put the word "regret" within brackets in his affidavit filed in response to contempt petition.

The top court told Rahul Gandhi that he made a statement and is now justifying it.

"Where have we said what you attributed to us," the court asked Rahul's counsel.

The Congress president filed a copy of his earlier affidavit in response to formal notice issued by the Supreme Court on the contempt petition filed by Meenakshi Lekhi.

Rahul Gandhi told the SC that he expresses complete regret for linking the SC order on Rafale review petition to the "chowkidar chor hai" jibe.