

**Statement circulated by Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & BJP - Shivsena candidate from Mumbai North parliamentary constituency in a Press Conference held on 15th April, 2009 at Mumbai**

**Mumbai, Wednesday:** Shri Ram Naik atop his 'Parivartan Rath' and other local BJP -Shivsena leaders atop 'Ram Naik Rath' are appealing voters of Mumbai North Parliamentary constituency to vote for bringing in a change! The first twenty days of the campaigning are over and now from yesterday BJP - Shivsena activists have began door to door campaigning to apprise voters about the performance of their candidate Shri Ram Naik. All the 38 municipal wards of Mumbai North parliamentary constituency are covered in the first phase of the campaign which ended yesterday. This information is given by Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & BJP - Shivsena candidate for Mumbai North parliamentary constituency in a press conference held today at Mumbai.

"We have started second phase of our campaign since the Birth Anniversary day of Bharat-Ratna Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar yesterday. Our activists are now distributing pamphlets which enumerate my selected important accomplishments as well as future plan of action for the next five years for Mumbai North." informed Shri Ram Naik. Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) formed under the stewardship of Shri Ram Naik had undertaken projects worth Rs.4,500 crore for upgrading the suburban railway system of Mumbai under MUTP I. However, Shri Lalu Prasad, Railway Minister of the UPA Government not only gave step-motherly treatment to Mumbai but also put these projects on the slow track. Completing these projects on war-footing would be at the topmost on Shri Ram Naik's agenda. Similarly only Rs 10 crore are spent on MUTP - II projects of Rs.6,300/- in the last year i.e. 2008-09. Completion of MUTP - II would also get priority. There is a plan to run Metro Railway between Charkop - Bandra - Mankhurd and car-shed is proposed for the same at Charkop. However, there is local resentment for the location of the car-shed as more than 30,000 residents would have to be evicted for the same. Shri Naik is committed for the protection of these legitimate residents. Similar is the case of lakhs of citizens; be those slum-dwellers or chawl residents or high rise flat-owners, residing on private forest land. Shri Ram Naik is determined to protect their interests. He would also aim at re-implementation of Slum Redevelopment (SRA) scheme. Shri Naik is concerned about the fishermen residing at Gorai, Manori, Marve,

Aksa, Erangal, Madh etc in Mumbai North. They have their own share of worries. Fishermen were getting rebate on excise duty of diesel which has been now stopped. Shri ram Naik would strive for rebate of Rs. 4 to all small fishermen and also for giving them loans at the rate of 4% on the similar lines of farmers. BJP - Shivsena activists would inform citizens of North Mumbai about these commitments.

"We have given a comparative rate chart on the back cover of the folder pamphlet which is an eye-opener. It compares retail prices of essential commodities during Vajpayee regime and the UPA rule. It is obvious from the chart that commodities viz. wheat, rice, moong dal, milk, tea are hiked by more than 100% during the last five years. The voters themselves would question that how inspite of this price rise; the UPA is boasting of bringing down inflation rate upto 0.45. Besides sky-rocketed prices the nation is facing recession and unemployment. Today 1.25 crore citizens have become jobless and 25 lakhs are now partially unemployed. Our activists would invite the attention of voters to these facts and would appeal them to think which government is better. They would also appeal voters that this is the right time to select the right government and ofcourse the right M.P. ", said Shri Ram Naik. He was also confident that this thought provoking pamphlet would inspire voters to use their franchise in his favour.

Shri Ram Naik is confident of his victory because of the over-whelming response of the voters during the first phase of the campaign. Shri Gopal Shetty, President, BJP - Mumbai and Shri Yogesh Sagar, President, BJP - North Mumbai also attended the press conference.

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