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**Demand to increase insurance cover of Railway Accident Victims**

**Mumbai, Thursday:** Shri Sadanand Gowda, Railway Minister assured Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader and former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge) and Shri Gopal Shetty, Mumbai North MP, to consider their demand of increasing insurance cover to victims of Railway accidents. Shri Naik and Shri Shetty called on the Railway Minister yesterday at New Delhi to discuss various demands and suggestions pertaining to the Railway Ministry.

While giving information about the meeting Shri Naik and Shri Shetty said." Presently Rs.4 lakh are given as an insurance to the family of the railway victim upon his death. Other victims get insurance cover in proportion to their injuries. These amounts were decided way back in 1997 and no revision has been made in the last 16 years. Looking at the hiked cost of living we urged upon the Railway Minister to increase these insurance amounts appropriately. He readily agreed to consider."

Shri Naik and Shri Shetty also submitted the memorandum on behalf of Railway Claims Tribunal Bar Association Mumbai. Shri Gowda assured to look into. Both Shri Naik and Shri Shetty invited attention of the Railway Minister to one of the important issues raised in the memorandum. The post of judicial member at Railway Claims Tribunal, Mumbai is vacant since last two years and the decisions are given only by the technical member of the Tribunal. Complainants often feel that their cases are not considered judiciously. The Railway Minister assured the duo to fill the vacancy at an early date.

Shri Naik and Shri Shetty also discussed issues related to Mumbai Suburban Railway with the Railway Minister. They urged on him to publish White Paper on Mumbai Suburban Railways. The Railway Minister assured to consider the demand.

**(Office Secretary)**