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**MNS leader Shirish Parkar apologies
unconditionally to Ram Naik in Court**

Mumbai, Thursday: MNS leader Shri Shirish Parkar who had accused BJP leader Shri Ram Naik as 'anti-Marathi' tendered an unconditional apology today in Mumbai Metropolitan Magistrate's Court No. 17 chaired by Magistrate Smt. Surekha A. Sinha. Adv. J.P. Mishra argued for Shri Ram Naik.

Giving the details of the case Shri Ram Naik said," During the 2009 assembly elections in the programme 'Ajacha Sawal' hosted by Shri Nikhil Wagle on IBN Lokmat on 1st October 2009 Shri Parkar had made wild personal allegations against me. He had said that I am 'an anti-Marathi' and am also being given blood transfusion ever three months. This was an absolute lie meant for maligning my image. I had therefore given a notice to him saying he should either apologize or face defamation case."

The Court held the ninth hearing on 1st September, 2011. As Shri Parkar did not attend any of the earlier hearings his advocate Shivaji Chougule requested for one more adjournment and assured Shri Parkar's presence next time. Accordingly, the case was heard today. After the initial arguments Shri Shirish Parkar apologized for his remarks. Thereafter written apologies were presented to the Court. Saying that he would like to withdraw his defamatory statement, he also apologized for the same. Shri Naik accepted the apology and agreed to close the case.

While commenting on the case Shri Ram Naik quoted Bhagvat Geeta which says 'for gentleman defamation is more painful than the death.' Hence he had filed the case for defamation. He is happy that Shri Parkar has now apologized.

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