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Dear Raju,

A three judge bench, headed by the CJI, heard the petition. They have issued notice to the Government of India on the second part of the petition, that is the legal impact of the preamble on the RP Act. Your case was mentioned in the passing, without case number etc., to point out to the bench that the socialism in the preamble had practical, and legal impact.

Nariman hopes, that once the court hears the petition, it would be possible to expand the debate to point out the constitutional aspects of socialism.

Thanks and best,
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air meetings held at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai. Pai's check list for such meetings were comprehensive. The usual we are familiar with. But his check list taking into account the fact that Palkhivala's meetings were attended by thousands had to provide for a doctor. It was important for Pai to know if a medical doctor was available in the audience! The large crowds and the fleet of cars to drop and pick up those attending the meeting needed the help of the traffic police. So he made sure that his check list contained not only the need for traffic policemen but also ensure that they were looked after – say with a cup of tea, a friendly handshake from the organisers and a letter of thanks to the police commissioner complimenting the traffic police for having done a good job.

Anant Prabhu a student member in Mumbai who went on to become a businessman in Chennai and help run the Forum in that city remembers that at a Palkhivala Budget meeting a man fainted. Pai took him immediately to hospital and ensured he was attended to. He did not ask someone else to do it. He did it himself which also meant following up next to check how the man was. His concern for a fellow human beings is a lesson for all of us. These gestures rubbed off not only on Pai but the organisation he led – the Forum of Free Enterprise.

As the Forum's Secretary Pai's special focus was on college and university students. A number of persons I met first met Pai when they were students. C.J.Shah, Finance Director of Forbes Gokak Ltd. was a student of Mumbai's Siddharth College situated in the vicinity of the Forum's office. On the advise of his professor he and some of his classmates became members of the Forum. They met Pai who encouraged them to visit him whenever they wished to and read material available in the Forum's office even if they did wish to become members of the Forum. Thereafter C.J.Shah and his friends enrolled as members, were regular visitors to the Forum office and also regularly attended programmes organised by the Forum. was to influence their thinking on economic issues along the lines of free enterprise. Years later Pai was to become a colleague of C.J.Shah on the Board of Directors of Forbes Gokak.