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Shri Madhukumar Reddy Chief operating manager, Western Railway, Mumbai.	Mr. Prabhat Kumar Chief Freight & Transport Manager, Western Railway, Mumbai.
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Sub :- Request to regularize rake allotment for refined iodised salt loading in Gujarat state

Dear Sir,

As you are very well aware, Gujarat State and particularly Kutch district is a major producer of refined iodised salt and catering the demand at pan India through Railway.

If we analyzed the allotment of rakes for edible salt loading in Gujarat for last ten years, it reflects the allotment of 100-120 rakes per month while present scenario is contrary to it. Presently, Railway is allotting quite less number of rakes irregularly for salt loading in Gujarat state and particularly in Kachchh district against indents filed by salt manufacturer and suppliers. This leads to adverse impact and inconvenience to the stock holders as stated below :-


- It becomes difficult to plan, manage & harness various resources in advance for timely loading of the rake in light of irregular allotment of the rakes.
- The loading operation of salt rakes is being done on manual basis where physical labour force plays important role.
- The labour force which is engaged in this loading operation is temporary, casual and daily wages earner. Their availability depends purely on availability of labour work regularly at and around the site else they move to other places/area to earn their wages resulting the availability of insufficient labour force for salt loading of rakes which are allotted irregularly.
- Irregular allotment of rakes leads to mismatch of demand and supply of the salt in market place and at consumption point.
- It is also observed that due to irregular allotment of rakes, edible salt stock gets piled-up at factories affecting adversely to the engagement & utilization of labour force there to.

In view of the above, it is need of the hour to regularize rake allotment for salt loading in Gujarat state and particularly in Kachchh.

We request you to look into this matter positively and work at regular flow of the allotment of rakes for salt loading at regular interval in the larger interest of salt manufacturing and suppliers.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Dinesh Gupta
President

C.c to :- ARM - Gandhidham