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Shri ~~Ashwini Lohani~~  
Chairman – Railway Board,  
Rail Bhavan, Rafi Marg  
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Sub:- Suggestions to meet growing passenger traffic load to and fro from Kutch  
district of Gujarat State to U.P.

Dear Sir

The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a pioneer organisation of Kandla – Gandhidham complex in Kachchh-Gujarat since 1953 with the main objective to serve as a bridge between local trade and industry fraternity and State / Central Govt. for the resolution of problems and also to endeavour for the welfare of citizens and township in public interest.

As you are very well aware, Kutch district of Gujarat State is fast developing region. After earthquake in 2001, Kutch district has achieved new heights in industrial development. People from all corners of India have settled here to earn bread and butter in light of industrial development, operation of Kandla and Mundra Port, two SEZs at Kandla and Mundra. To meet growing demand of mass transportation, Indian Railway has introduced / extended various trains to & fro from Kutch district. However, still there is missing of direct connectivity of passenger train to North India particularly towards eastern part of U.P.

In view of significant presence of people of North India and particularly from eastern part of U.P., it is now high time to introduce new train and/or to extend various trains to Kutch to tap potential passenger traffic for which we suggest as under :-

1. To introduce new train from Patna-Kutch, Patna via Palanpur, Jaipur, Mathura, Agra, Lucknow, Ayodha, Akbarpur, Sahgunj, Jonpur, Varansi.
2. To provide stoppage to Kamakhya Express (15667/15668) at Sahgunj & Jonpur to facilitate passengers of nearby districts which will meet demand and potential of traffic of U.P.



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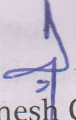
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3. To extend train No. 19407/19408 running between Ahmedabad & Varansi to Gandhidham-Kutch so that people can enjoy alternative arrangement till other new arrangements are made.
4. To re-schedule Gandhidham - Jodhpur - Gandhidham Train No. 22483 / 22484 to link it with Marudhar Express Train No. 14853 / 14854 travelling from Jodhpur - Varansi - Jodhpur for the convenience of travelling passenger of Kutch district towards eastern part of U.P.

We hope our above suggestions will get due positive consideration in the larger interest of travelling passengers to and fro U.P. from Kutch district of Gujarat State.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
Dinesh Gupta  
President

Copy to : Shri Narendrabhai Modi Honorable Prime Minister, Govt. of India.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railway, New Delhi

Shri Vinodbhai Chavda, Hon'ble M. P. (Lok Sabha), Kutch - Morbi Constituency,

The General Manager, Western Railway, Mumbai

The Divisional Railway Manager, Western Railway, Ahmedabad

The Area Railway Manager, Western Railway, Gandhidham - Kutch

The President, Utter Bharatiya Kshatirya Vikas Parishad, Gandhidham-Kutch