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**Sub: Request to allot 5 rakes for salt loading
per day in the state of Gujarat**

Dear Sir,

We would like to bring to your kind attention that presently the allotment of rakes for edible salt loading is almost short per day in the state of Gujarat.

As you are very well aware that Gujarat being a major producer and distributor of salt in every part of the country there should be minimum allotment of 5 rakes per day for edible salt loading. There are 150 pending indents for edible salt rakes and present scenario leads to increments everyday in pending indents.

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We strongly believe that if no course correction is initiated immediately, there will be shoot-up in retail prices of edible salt as happened in the past. Edible Salt being a essential item for everyday human consumption, it is essential for Indian Railway to manage and maintain regular flow of such items at pan India level. There will be negative impact on edible salt industry if there will be no timely movement of edible salt from factory to market. It is essential to load 150 rakes of edible salt per month to maintain supply of edible salt all over India. This was the regular practice and scenario in past resulting regular supply of edible salt in each and every corner of India.

It is a matter of surprise and concern that Indian Railway is not giving priority for the allotment of rakes for salt loading although edible salt is an essential item for human consumption. This trend has been observed in recent times by trade fraternity. We afraid the present scenario will lead to the stoppage of production of salt which will further make more than 10 thousand labour force idle.

Therefore, we request you to consider above mentioned facts in the larger interest of India's general public and pass necessary instruction to the concerned to increase daily allotment of rakes for edible salt loading in the state of Gujarat.

Your immediate initiation in this regard will be appreciated.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(Babubahi B. Humbal)

President

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