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The General Manager,
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Sub: Issues of passengers travelling between North India and Kachchh by railway trains

Dear Sir,

We, 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.

We would like to draw your kind attention towards the following issues which certainly deserved your immediate consideration.

1. Issue of Train No. 14311/14312 & 14321/14322 Ala Hazrat Express

As already informed time to time, the train consist shunted out coaches of dilapidated condition resulting unsatisfactory and harassing experience in the travel. Similarly, 2nd A.C. coach also needs proper maintenance to meet relevant standards to the entire satisfaction of the travelling passengers. The condition of the coaches in this train are far from satisfactory and passengers have harrowing experience in travel. Proper fumigation is also not done, with the result that rates and insects are found everywhere in coaches. There is an urgent need to replace the coaches with new one.

2. Providing Additional AC coaches in Ala Hazrat Express

This long pending demand is not meted out by the railways. We submit that this is the only train connecting border district Kachchh to national capital Delhi. In absence of any air service for Delhi, the VIP passengers invariably sustain journey hardship due to non-availability of comfortable journey by AC. Hence, additional AC Coaches are must in this train.

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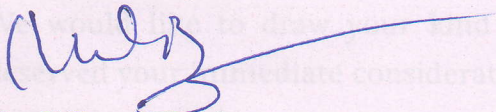
3. Introduction of NEW train from Gandhidham to Delhi

People have to travel quite often between Delhi & Kachchh and therefore direct regular rail connectivity between these regions is the need of the hour. On account of presence of major ports viz. Kandla and India's biggest private port Adani Mundra Port many families from North India have migrated to Kachchh District permanently as these two ports mainly provide ample opportunities for the trade and employment. Therefore, this indicates justification for the introduction of new railway train directly from Gandhidham to Delhi.

We hope the above issues will get due consideration in the larger interest of passengers travelling from North India to Kachchh and vice-e-versa.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Murlidhar Jagani

Hon. Secretary

Copy to: 1) Shri Ashwini Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board.

2) General Manager, Western Railway

3) Divisional Railway Manager, Ahmedabad

4) Shri Mohindersinh - Kachchh Highway

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