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Sub: Bhagalpur - Gandhidham - Bhagalpur train No.09451/09452

Dear Sir,

We welcome and appreciate the start-up and seasonal running of Bhagalpur – Gandhidham – Bhagalpur train No.09451/09452 which certainly gives seasonal relief to north bound passengers.

The subject train has received tremendous positive response from general public at large and occupancy rate is worth significant which establishes the potential of regular passenger traffic between Kachchh and Bhagalpur.

In post-independence era, large number of North Indians have settled in Kachchh and presently also serve in Central Government Organisations, Shipping Companies, Army, BSF and Para Military Forces. They have to travel quite often and therefore direct regular rail connectivity between these regions is a must. 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 this new railway train regularly on weekly basis from Gandhidham – Bhagalpur – Gandhidham.

In view of the above, we suggest to make running of this train on regular basis throughout the year to start on weekly basis.

We hope, our suggestion will be considered positively in the larger interest of the passenger travelling between Kachchh and North India.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Murlidhar Jagani Hon. Secretary