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Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani,
Hon'ble Minister of
Information and Broadcasting,
Room No 560, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110011

Sub: Request to set-up FM Radio Station at Gandhidham-Kachchh-Gujarat

Dear Sir,

We, the Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a pioneer organisation of Kandla – Gandhidham complex since 1953 with the main objective of serving as a bridge between local trade and industry fraternity and State / Central Govt. for the resolution of problems on regular basis.

We would like to suggest to set-up FM Radio Station at Gandhidham, District: Kachchh, in the state of Gujarat. Our suggestion is based on the following:

- 1) The district of Kachchh has turned its corner and registered tremendous developments and growth in the post-earthquake scenario.
- 2) Gandhidham being a port township of India's No. 1 Major Port namely Deendayal Port and rapid industrialization in and around the township, people from all Indian States have come and settled here.
- 3) As per the census of 2011, the population of Gandhidham Township was 2,47,992 while now it will be 3.5 lacs plus floating population being the center of Labour intensive operation of Transport, Logistics, Shipping etc.
- 4) The Central Government has already initiated measures to establish Kandla – Gandhidham as "Smart Industrial Port City".

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- 5) Setting up of FM Radio Station will not only entertain the people, but it will also serve as vital link for spreading the message of national policies and directives as also benefiting the masses of technology Upgradation and mass communication.

In view of the above, we strongly feel that there is a genuine case for Gandhidham Township to aspire for FM Radio Station.

As Government of India encourages the FM Radio broadcasting services through private agencies, we request that bids for Gandhidham Centre for FM Channel may kindly be invited.

We are sure, you will kindly let us have FM Radio Station at Gandhidham as early as possible to meet people's genuine and growing demand.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

B.B. Humbal

Babubhai Humbal
President