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Sub: Non – Implementation of services of New Train

**"Tirunelveli – Gandhidham Humsafar Express" declared by
Railway in October – 2017**

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.

Firstly, as you are very well aware about the Kandla – Gandhidham complex and its remarkable progress in recent times where the people from all concerns of India have settled here. Thus, Indian Railway is the means of transport to make movements to and from their native places and back periodically. Significantly people from South India particularly from Kerala & Tamil Nadu have also settled here for their bread and butter. Indian Railway has rightly announced the introduction of new train service no. 19423/19424 "Tirunelveli – Gandhidham – Tirunelveli Humsafar Express" in October – 2017 with schedule start-up from 01.11.2017. As we understand the implementation of the subject train was postponed to a later date in light of Gujarat's assembly election. However, thereafter till to-date the subject train has not become operative for the reasons not known to the public at large. Even trial run train "Humsafar Express" has already reached at Gandhidham Railway Station and since then lying idle for last more than one and half month resulting financial loss to the nation. Therefore, it is need of the hour to start running of the subject train regularly now.

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We earnestly request you to please pass necessary orders to the concerned railway officials to start immediately the running of the subject train in the larger interest of the people of Kachchh and South India.

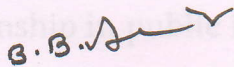
Whilst on the subject, we also suggest the followings:

- 1) Introduction of a Superfast Train between Gandhidham to Coimbatore via Kokan route.
- 2) To increase the frequency of Gandhidham - Nagercoil Express [Train No. 16335/16336].

We are sure our submission will get due consideration immediately from you goodselves office to meet the expectation of the people at large.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Babubhai Humbal
President

- Copy to: 1) Shri Vinod Chavda, Member of Parliament, Delhi
2) Shri Pareshbhai Dhanani, Leader of Opposition, Gujarat Legislative Assembly
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5) Chief Passenger Traffic Manager, Western Railway, Mumbai
6) Divisional Railway Manager, Western Railway, Ahmedabad
7) Area Railway Manager, Western Railway, Gandhidham
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