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General Manager,

Western Railway,

Mumbai

CAMP: Gandhidham

## Sub: Memorandum of various issues related to Railway Operation at Kachchh district

Dear Sir,

It is a matter of pleasure to welcome you at Gandhidham and we take an opportunity to submit the following issues for your considerations:

### (A) ISSUES OF PASSENGER TRAIN

#### 1) Drinking Water facility

There is insufficient facility of drinking water at railway station of Adipur, Gandhidham, Bhachau and Shamkhiyali. The lack of sufficient facility resulting hardship to passenger. It is need of the hour to ensure drinking water to passenger at above referred railway stations.

#### 2) Disposal of rainy water accumulation

During rainy session rain water gets accumulated in between Gandhidham Railway Station and Highway due to lack of proper water disposal system. Hence, such system should be established to avoid accumulation of rainy water in between.

#### 3) Facilities at Adipur Railway Station

At Adipur Railway Station there is no proper arrangements of water, toilet, cleanliness and waiting room. Generally toilets are kept locked hence, the passengers unable to utilise it. Adipur Station being a junction, all such facilities need upgradation. There is no cover shed at platform no. 2 which is the immediate requirement. Similarly kota stone work is not completed at platform no. 1 so far. Due to absent of such facilities, the railway passenger are facing hardship.

#### 4) Increase of Platform Length

The platform length at Railway Station of Gandhidham, Bhachau and Anjar needs extension keeping in view increase of passenger traffic from these stations and to facilitate passengers boarding and de-boarding from railway platform to coaches.



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## 5) Facility of Lift & Escalator

The facility of escalator at Gandhidham is still pending since long. The facility is already sanctioned and every time we are assured that it will get operationalized in next six months. However, almost three years have been elapsed but lift & escalator have not been installed and operationalized.

## 6) Introduction of New Trains

We suggest to introduce new train from Kachchh as under:

### a) From Kachchh to North India connecting U.P., Punjab, & Delhi

Sir, as you are very well aware that after earthquake, there is rapid industrialisation in Kachchh District. People from all over India and particularly from northern India have migrated to Kachchh to earn bread – butter and settled here. Further, all international trade sea shipments originated from Northern Parts of India and import shipment for northern India are routed to and fro from Kandla and Mundra Port of Kachchh District. This establishes continuous long term trade relation with Delhi and surrounding areas. The Kachchh District is having military and air – force base which necessitates the movement of military and air-force persons regularly. Public sector establishments like IOC, HPC, etc. are also operative in and around Kandla – Gandhidham complex.

b) Connectivity to Kerala and Tamil Nadu should be established.

c) Inter-city Train from Gandhidham to Vadodara / Surat.

## 7) Re-scheduling of Present running train

a) The frequency of Kamakhya Train should be twice in a week from Present frequency of once in a week.

b) Jodhpur train should be run daily.

c) The present running of trains from Gandhidham to Palanpur should be re-scheduled for connection to Rajdhani & Ashram Express.

d) At present, A.C. Train to Mumbai runs thrice in a week which needs to be run daily.

e) To run Ala Hazrat Express train via Bhiladi all days.

The pairs of train run 3 day a week via Ahmedabad and 4 day a week via Bhildi. While there has been ample traffic on route from / to Bhuj itself, it is beyond imagination to run the train 3 day a week via Ahmedabad at the cost of bonafide commuters who unduly bear extra fare and extra journey period. It is going from years together but our genuine demand stands turned down by the Railways on one or other pretext. We request amalgamation of trains to operate one rake on all week days via Bhildi only.



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## (B) ISSUES OF GOODS TRAIN

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### 1) Upgradation of Goods Shed Platform

Upgradation of Goods Shed Platform at Gandhidham, Kandla Port, Bhimasar is need of the hour. At Gandhidham Goods Shed Proper tar surfacing is required as the present status reflects damage condition and approach road to be widen. There is no toilet facility for labour and staff.

### 2) Another weighbridge at Chirai

Day by day the volume of loading is increasing at Chirai Railway Station. The present only one weighbridge is not sufficient to carry the increase load of volume of loading. Hence, there is acute need to establish another weighbridge at Chirai Railway Station.

### 3) Smooth loading of salt from Gujarat

The Gujarat State is major contributor in supply of salt at each & every corner of India. To meet this objective, at least 4 – 5 rakes per day for salt loading is required in Gujarat. At times it has been observed that fertilizers and other commodities gets priority for the rake allotment and essential item like salt is being ignored for priority allotment. Hence, ensure consistent allotment of 4 – 5 rakes per day for salt loading in Gujarat.

We hope above issues will get due consideration from your end during your visit at Gandhidham.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Babubhai B. Humbal  
President

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