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Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railway, Railway Ministry, Government of India, Railway Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001	Shri Ashwini Lohani Chairman – Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, Rafi Marg <u>New Delhi - 110 001</u>	The General Manager Western Railway 1st floor, G.I.O Building Churchgate Head Quarters Mumbai-400 020
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Sub: To introduce new train to Barmer from Gandhidham – Kachchh

Dear Sir,

Kachchh District has historical link with Rajasthan and particularly Marwar and Barmer area thereof. After independence and particularly later part of the past century, people from Barmer area move to Kachchh District in search of job and lively hood as the development of Kachchh District in industry and port sector offer tremendous opportunity for jobs.

After earthquake in 2001, Kachchh district offered new opportunities to the people in light of boost in industrialisation and activities of port sector. People from Rajasthan and particularly from Barmer area grabbed this potential opportunity to earn their lively hood. This has resulted into significant population of Barmer People in Kachchh District. Hence, there is a regular movement people to and fro Kachchh – Barmer and they prefer to travel by train as economical means of transportation.

Since, at present there is no direct train from Kachchh District to Barmer, we request you to introduce a new train to Barmer to tap potential traffic between Kachchh and Barmer region.

We hope for due positive consideration in this regard from Indian Railway in coming days.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Babubhai B. Humble
President