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Shri Nitin Gadkari
Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways & MSME
Government of India
New Delhi

Sub: Request for your intervention to resolve the issue of
Huge Traffic Jam at Surajbari Toll Plaza to Kandla – Mundra,
Gujarat

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry – GCCCI.

We hope you will find this letter in the best of your health.

Sir, as you are kindly aware, trade and industry is now gradually starting to revive and move towards normalcy after the long phase of lockdown due to Covid pandemic. It is necessary that all possible support is made available to them, especially the MSMEs in this challenging time. However, we would like to draw your kind attention to a serious problem which is adding to the difficulties of trade and industry in such times.

Sir, Kandla and Mundra are the two major ports with a contribution of more than 40% to the country's exports. Presently, due to the slow ongoing repairing work on the road from Surajbari to Malia, NH-8 since last three months is causing a traffic jam almost on a daily basis and a 10 km long queue of heavy vehicles on both sides of the road being repaired have to wait indefinitely for the traffic to open. This is resulting in waste of countless man hours and huge amount of fuel. Also, delay in delivering the containers at the port and lifting the empty containers from the ports causes a huge amount of demurrage/warfare being charged.

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Sir, Morbi is renowned as the ceramic Hub of the nation contributing significantly to the nation's exports and also providing employment to a large number of workers. Most of the tiles and ceramic items manufactured at Morbi are being transported through NH-8. Due to the poor condition of this highway, there is a large number of breakages of ceramic items while transporting which creates a bad reputation of our country and a huge financial loss to the exporters.

Sir, there is a huge resentment among the general public and the business community of the entire district over the lack of planning and extremely slow pace of repairing work on one of the most important nation highways of the Nation.

Therefore, we seek your immediate intervention and request you to issue directives to the concerned agencies for the same.

With Best regards,

Sincerely,

Natubhai Patel
President

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