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To,

Hon. Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Govt. of India

Hon. Shri. Raosaheb Danve, Minister of State in The Ministry of Railways

Hon. Shri. Sanjay Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director, Konkan Railway

Subject: Provision of an AC Chair Car (CC) coach in 10105/10106 Diva ↔ Sawantwadi Express and 50103/50104 Diva ↔ Ratnagiri Fast Passenger and operating both trains from Dadar (DR)

Respected Sir,

As we approach the much-anticipated Ganpati Festival season, a time when travel across the Konkan region witnesses a significant surge, we would like to humbly request the inclusion of at least one AC Chair Car coach in the following train services:

- 10105/10106 Diva ↔ Sawantwadi Express
- 50103/50104 Ratnagiri ↔ Diva Fast Passenger

This proposal aims to capitalise on the heightened travel demand during the Ganpati Festival, making rail travel more appealing and comfortable for the numerous devotees, tourists, and commuters who embark on this journey. The addition of an AC Chair Car coach would not only meet the expectations of passengers seeking enhanced comfort but also provide a lucrative revenue-earning opportunity for KRCL.

Benefits of this initiative during the Ganpati Festival season:

- Increased Attractiveness: Travelers, especially families and tourists, are likely to opt for a
  more comfortable and air-conditioned travel experience during this festive season.
- Heightened Earnings: The provision of AC Chair Car coaches could lead to a substantial increase in ticket sales, generating additional revenue for KRCL.
- Positive Image: Offering enhanced travel options demonstrates KRCL's commitment to passenger satisfaction and could positively influence the railway's reputation.

We understand that implementing such changes involves careful planning and resource allocation. However, considering the unique opportunity presented by the upcoming Ganpati Festival season, we urge you to explore the feasibility of incorporating at least one AC Chair Car coach in Train No. 10105/10106 Diva ↔ Sawantwadi Express and 50103/50104 Ratnagiri ↔ Diva Fast Passenger.

Also, operating both the trains from Dadar instead of Diva will be convenient for all passengers.

Your visionary leadership has guided KRCL to great heights, and we believe that seizing this opportunity could not only benefit passengers but also contribute to the corporation's financial success. By offering a more comfortable travel option during this festive season, KRCL could create a memorable experience for passengers and establish a precedent for future improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We eagerly await a positive response and remain hopeful for a more passenger-centric travel experience on the Konkan Railway.

Sincerely Yours,

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