

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3198
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021

DEKHO APNA DESH SCHEME

3198. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote rich heritage of India under webinar series "Dekho Apna Desh" along with the names of tourist places;
- (b) the names of tourist places identified and the details thereof including Kerala, State-wise; and
- (c) the names of tourist places where circuit tourist trains are being run so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Dekho Apna Desh initiative in January 2020 with the objective of creating awareness among the citizens about the rich heritage and culture of the country and to promote domestic tourism. Under this initiative Ministry is carrying out promotional activities like webinars, online pledge, road shows, talks and quiz programmes. Dekho Apna Desh initiative is being promoted extensively on social media accounts and website of the Ministry and by Domestic India Tourism offices.

The Ministry is organising a series of Webinars under the overall theme of 'Dekho Apna Desh' with the objective of promoting various tourism destinations of India including Kerala. The Webinars include glimpses of the culture, heritage, handicrafts and cuisine of the destinations, in addition to the tourist spots. Concepts of Responsible Tourism, Accessible Tourism, Wildlife, Trekking, Bicycling and Motor Cycle Tours, etc. are also been promoted through the Webinars. A total of 81 Webinars have been organised till date. A repository of all the Webinars is being maintained by the Ministry and YouTube links to the Webinars are made available on the website of the Ministry of Tourism.

(c): The Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is operating Bharat Darshan train on pan India basis. The list of tourist places/ destinations where the train is operational is enclosed as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3198 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021 REGARDING DEKHO APNA DESH SCHEME

List of State-wise tourist places covered by Bharat Darshan Trains

S. No	Tourist Places	State
1.	Karnool Town	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Mallikarjuna Swamy	
3.	Mantralayam	
4.	Tirupati	
5.	Visakhapatnam	
6.	Kamakhya	Assam
7.	Gaya	Bihar
8.	Nalanda	
9.	Parasnath	
10.	Patna Sahib	
11.	Rajgir	
12.	Sitamarhi	Delhi
13.	Delhi	
14.	Goa	Goa
15.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
16.	Dwarka	
17.	Nageshwar	
18.	Porbander	
19.	Rajkot	
20.	Somnath	
21.	Surat	
22.	Statue of Unity (Kevadia)	
23.	Sabarmati	Haryana
24.	Kurukshetra	Jammu & Kashmir
25.	Srinagar	
26.	Vaisno Devi	Jharkhand
27.	Baijnath	
28.	Aihole	Karnataka
29.	Badami	
30.	Bandipur	
31.	Bangalore	
32.	Bijapur	
33.	Hampi	
34.	Mysore	
35.	Nava Vrindavanam	
36.	Pattadakal	
37.	Shravanbelgola	

38.	Ernakulam	Kerala
39.	Guruvayoor	
40.	Kochuveli	
41.	Kumarakom	
42.	Santhi Giri Ashram	
43.	Trivandrum	
44.	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
45.	Indore	
46.	Khajuraho	
47.	Mhow	
48.	Omkareshwar	
49.	Ujjain	
50.	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
51.	Bhimshankar	
52.	Grishneshwar	
53.	Kolhapur	
54.	Mumbai	
55.	Nagpur	
56.	Nanded	
57.	Nasik	
58.	Pandharpur	
59.	Parbhani	
60.	Parli Vaijnath	
61.	Pune	
62.	Shirdi	
63.	Triambakeshwar	
64.	Lumbani	Nepal
65.	Bhubhneswar	Odisha
66.	Konark	
67.	Puri	
68.	Amritsar	Punjab
69.	Chandigarh	Rajasthan
70.	Ajmer	
71.	Bikaner	
72.	Chittorgarh	
73.	Jaipur	
74.	Jaisalmer	
75.	Jodhpur	
76.	Mount Abu	
77.	Nathdwara	
78.	Pushkar	
79.	Ranthambore	
80.	Udaipur	Chettinad
81.	Chettinad	

82.	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
83.	Kanyakumari	
84.	Kumbhakonam	
85.	Madurai	
86.	Mahabalipuram	
87.	Rameshwaram	
88.	Srirangam	
89.	Thanjvur	
90.	Tiruchirapalli	
91.	Trichi	
92.	Velankani	
93.	Hyderabad	
94.	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
95.	Allahabad	
96.	Ayodhya	
97.	Chitrakoot	
98.	Fatehpuri Sikri	
99.	Kushinagar	
100.	Lucknow	
101.	Mathura	
102.	Naimisaranya	
103.	Sarnath	
104.	Sravasti	
105.	Varanasi	
106.	Vrindavan	Uttrakhand
107.	Haridwar	
108.	Rishikesh	West Bengal
109.	Gangasagar	
110.	Kolkata	
111.	Nandigram	
112.	Shalimar	
