

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3010
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

BHARAT DARSHAN TOURS

3010. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that IRCTC, which organises Bharat Darshan tours by train, has not been able to achieve desired popularity of said tours among the tourists; and**
- (b) if so, the details of Government's plan to make improvements in the facilities/services and publicity to increase popularity of Bharat Darshan tours?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): No, Madam. Bharat Darshan is a very popular budget tourist train covering important religious and tourist places across the country. IRCTC operated 61 trips of Bharat Darshan train with average occupancy of 74 per cent during the current financial year 2017-18 (till January, 2018) carrying around 38000 passengers.

(b): Does not arise.
