

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1040
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

DEKHO APNA DESH

**†1040. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote rich heritage of India under Webinar Series “Dekho Apna Desh” along with the names of tourist places;**
- (b) if so, the names of tourist places identified and the State-wise details thereof including Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) the names of tourist places where circuit tourist train is being run by the Government so far;**
- (d) whether the Government contemplates to run circuit tourist train in Etawah Lion Safari; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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. 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 75 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 Ministry of Tourism.

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

IRCTC plans and operates packages based on demand assessments. Sufficient demand for Etawah Lion Safari has not arisen, therefore IRCTC has not included Etawah Lion Safari as tourist destination in its itineraries.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1040 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING DEKHO APNA DESH****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	
13.	Delhi	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	
24.	Kurukshetra	Haryana
25.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
26.	Vaisno Devi	
27.	Baijnath	Jharkhand
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.	Bhubneswar	Odisha
66.	Konark	
67.	Puri	
68.	Amritsar	Punjab
69.	Chandigarh	
70.	Ajmer	
71.	Bikaner	
72.	Chittorgarh	
73.	Jaipur	
74.	Jaisalmer	

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