

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 277  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

**SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

**†277. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:  
SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:**

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

- (a) the name of the historical cities/places which are proposed to be connected by trains under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Government;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to connect the historical cities of Hastinapur and Shravasti with other major cities of the country through rail-links under the said scheme; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a): Railways does not run trains under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of the Government. However, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is operating on multiple theme based circuits across the country which connect historical cities/places viz. Ayodhya, Varanasi, Ujjain, Agra, Prayagraj, Baidyanath, Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Nagpur, Indore, Aurangabad, Chitrakoot, Mathura, Vrindavan, Puri, Gangasagar, Tirupati, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Srirangapatnam, Mysore, Dwarka, Ankaleshwar, Nasik, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Khajuraho, Orchha, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Sravasti, Fatehpur Sikri, Nathdwara, Nandigram, Sitamadhi, Hampi, Mumbai, Gokarana, Belur, Jabalpur, Coorg, Thanjavur.**

**(b) & (c): Do not arise.**

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