

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (c) Following No. of vacancies are lying vacant in Railways:

Safety related vacancies	-	89024 (As on 01.04.2009)
Security related vacancies	-	8114 (As on 01.04.2009)

(d) While recruitment in Railways is a continuous process, it is now at various stages for filling up the vacancies in Group 'C and Group 'D' categories. This includes the backlog vacancies in respect of SC, ST and OBC, as also vacancies reserved for the physically challenged persons.

Facilities at Tapri railway station

‡2221. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Tapri near Saharanpur has been accorded status of a Junction;
- (b) if so, the facilities provided there;
- (c) the reasons for having only one platform at Tapri railway station; and
- (d) by when drinking water facility, waiting hall for passengers and platforms at Tapri would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes Sir, as two routes are meeting at Tapri.

(b) to (d) Tapri already has two platforms, one high level and one rail level. Drinking water and waiting hall facilities are also available.

Train accidents

2222. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the slain driver of the Uttarbanga Express which met with an accident on 19 July, 2010 had been driving the train for four successive nights;

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