

- (b) if so, whether it was as per the rules of Railways; and
- (c) the number of posts of driver vacant in Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The driver of Uttar Banga Express had worked only for two nights and had been fully rested as per Railway rules. However, the unfortunate incident involving Uttar Banga Express and Vananchal Express, including the cause of death of the driver in question, is under investigation at present, and, therefore, whether the driver was 'slain' or not will be known after the investigation is complete.

(c) The total number of vacancies of Train Driver on Indian Railways, as on 01.04.2009, are 7190.

Doubling of railway track between New Alipurduar to Dibrugarh

2223. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal for the doubling the railway track between New Alipurduar and Dibrugarh;
- (b) if so, the details of budget, provision and date of completion of the project; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Double line already exists between Samuktala Road (near New Alipurduar)-New Bongaigaon. Beyond New Bongaigaon to Guwahati, there are two separate lines, one via Jogighopa and other via Rangia.

A survey for doubling of Guwahati-Dibrugarh has been taken up. Meanwhile, patch doubling of New Guwahati-Digaru (30 km) has been taken up at a cost of Rs.110.94 crore which is targeted for completion during 2010-11.

Investment in Subsidiary Corporations

2224. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have invested Rs. 6366.32 crores in Seven Railway Subsidiary Corporations;

(b) if so, the capital support from General Budgetary support for these seven corporations; and

(c) the return in shape of dividends in 2008-09 and 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Railways have invested Rs.6366.32 crores upto 2008-09 in fourteen railway subsidiary corporations/undertakings, of which Rs. 3931.55 crores are through capital obtained from General Budgetary support.

(c) Dividend received from the undertakings during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 was Rs.268.46 crores and Rs.299.61 crores respectively.

Annual growth rate

2225. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth rate in monetary value achieved from 2005-06 to 2009-10; and

(b) whether it is due to growth of load or upward revision of classification of certain commodities and levy of supplementary charges such as terminal charges, busy season charges, Congestion charges and development charges etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The annual growth rate in earnings in monetary value achieved from 2005-06 to 2009-10 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)			
Year	Total Earnings	Growth	%age growth
1	2	3	4
2004-05	47038.25	-	-
2005-06	54404.56	7366.31	15.66