stations of North Eastern Railway on 13.6 1985 and not on 15.6.1985. As a result of the accident one baby  $1\frac{1}{2}$  months old died and 6 persons sustained injuries including 4 grievous. All were occupants of the tractor trolley.

The cost of damage to public property has been estimated at Rs. 1000/- There was no damage to Railway property.

(c) and (d) A Departmental Committee enquired into this accident and according to their findings, the accident occurred due to gross nagligence on the part of tractor driver.

## Funds for Conversion of Guntur-Nadikude Rail Lines

548, SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allotted for the conversion of Guntur-Nadikude line into broad gauge during 1985-86; and
- (b) when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Ro. 1,000/-.

(b) The completion of the line will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

South Korean Proposal to Deepen
Paradip Port to Accommodate Larger
Vessels

- 549. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK:
  SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
  Will the Minister of SHIPPING & TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Pnradip Port deepsning plan under study" appearing in Patriot dated 25 June, 1985 wherein it has been reported that Government are considering a South Korean Proposal to deepen Paradip Port in Orissal to accommodate vessels upto 200,000 DWT capacity against 60,000 DWT as at present;

- (b) if so, whether the proposal was mooted with the idea of increasing ore exports to the Pohang Iron and Steel Co., of South Korea which is scheduled to be operated by 1987;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any proposal in this regard has been received from Government of Orissa also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) A proposal has been received from Hyundai Corporation through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India for development of Paradip Port to receive Iron Ore carriers upto 2,00,000 DWT. M/s. Hyundai Corporation has expressed its willingness to MMTC to associate themselves with the construction and expansion of the Port facilities and in extending credits. The proposal, envisages deepening of the approach channel, entrance channel turning basin from 12.25 to 20 Metres, and setting up a new berth with mechanised handling facilities for export of iron ore.
  - (c) No. Sir.

## Flight of Engineers from Sardar Sarovar Project

- 550. SHRI MOHD, MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN; Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the Press report appearing in the Indian Express dated 24 June, 1985 regarding flight of nearly 400 families including engineers and assistant engineers from the Kevadia colony of Sardar Sarovar Project of the Narmada Dam Scheme who were forced to leave their houses in the wake of reign of terror unleashed by certain persons;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) what remedial measures have been taken in this regard?