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Title: Regarding increasing the compensation amount to the families affected by the Hirakud Express accident.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): Thank you Speaker Madam for giving me this opportunity.

I would like to bring to the notice of this august House about the Hirakud Express accident that has happened in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, which is in my constituency. Around 41 people lost their lives in this accident which happened due to derailment and collision and fire that got into the bogies. Out of 41, six people belong to my constituency. I have visited the homes of the bereaved family. Today they are in a very pathetic situation because they have got small children and they have lost the earning members of their families from their houses. The Railway Department has already announced a compensation of Rs.2 lakh. I request the Railway Ministry to consider a compensation of Rs.10 lakh and also give one job to the family because this happened due to the departmental error.

I thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. Thank you.