-of 'Katputli' during the last three years:

(c) Does not arise.

## Number of bogies for Ganga Damodar and Patliputra Express Trains

II53. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to statc:
(a) number of bogies scheduled to be with 129 Up, 130 Dn Ganga Damodar Express and Patliputra Express starting or passing through Dhanbad in Eastrn Railway;
(b) number of bogies actually run on an average in the month of June, 1982;
(c) whe ther bogies were much less than the optimum, thus creaing heavy rush and hardship to the passengers; and
(d) if so, steps taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Due to acute shortage of coaches, 129/130 Asansol-Varanasi

Passenger, 29/30 Ganga-Damodar Express, and 25/26 Patliputra Express scheduled to run with 13,11 and II coaches respectively ran on an average with 10 , 10 and 7 coaches respectively during the month of June ' 82 .

From I-7-82, 25/26 Patliputra Express has been augmented by 3 coaches. With improvement in the availability of coaches, their scheduled load will be restored.

## Overaged Rolling Stock

1154. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that more than sixty percent of Rolling Sotck is overaged, which is the cause of frequent accidents; and
(b) if so, the steps being taken to replace the overaged rolling stocks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-

