

stating that studies carried out by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology have shown that a moderate amount of Fish in the diet can control the blood cholesterol level ; and

(b) if so, the details of research made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the studies carried out by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, in suitable laboratory animals with diets containing oil and protein from oil sardine, showed that the fish oil and protein exert a cholesterol lowering effect.

Provision of Conductor Guards in First Class and AC Coaches in Mail/Express Trains

*446. **SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the rule/provision for providing conductor guards for First class and AC coaches in mail or express trains ;

(b) whether the conductor guards as per above rule/provision are provided in all such trains in Madurai Division of Southern Railway ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) what are the proposals for providing the conductor guards in mail, express trains and when they are likely to be implemented ;

(e) whether complaints regarding inconveniences experienced by the upper class passengers of train Nos. 101, 102, 105, 106, 119, 120, 137 and 138 in the absence of conductor guards are being received ; and

(f) if so, whether Government will take action to provide conductor guards in the above trains for the convenience of upper class passengers as an amenity measure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) As per the extant guidelines, Mail and Express trains which have more than five first class coaches to be looked after should have two conductors and those upto 5 coaches should have one conductor.

(b) to (f). Not yet Sir. At present conductors have been provided on 117/118 Pandyan Express and 105/106 Madras-Quilon Mail and 761/762 Virudunagar-Tirunelveli Tambraparni Express. Proposals in respect of other Mail/Express trains of Madurai Division are being processed.

No specific complaints from passengers has been received by the Southern Railway in this connection.

भारत पाकिस्तान आयोग की बैठक

*447. **श्री० अजित कुमार मेहता :**
श्रीमती किशोरी सिन्हा :

क्या बिदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत-पाकिस्तान आयोग की अगली बैठक आयोजित किए जाने की तारीख नजदीक आ रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त बैठक किस तारीख को आयोजित किए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) पिछली बैठक में किए गए निर्णयों के निष्कर्ष क्या हैं और उन्हें कार्यान्वित करने संबंधी स्थिति क्या है ; और

(घ) आगामी बैठक में किन-किन मुद्दों पर विचार-विमर्श किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

बिदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ए० ए० रहीम) : (क) हाल ही में, 1 से 4 जून, 1983 तक भारत-पाक संयुक्त आयोग की जो पहली बैठक हुई थी, उसमें इस बात पर सहमति हुई थी कि अगली बैठक 1984 में भारत में होगी ।

(ख) इस बैठक की तारीख अभी अंतिम रूप से तय नहीं हुई है।

(ग) और (घ) भारत-पाक संयुक्त आयोग की 1 से 4 जून, 1983 तक जो पहली बैठक इस्लामाबाद में हुई थी, उसकी और विदेश मंत्री की पाकिस्तान यात्रा की रिपोर्ट की एक प्रति 28 जुलाई, 1983 को अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 890 के उत्तर में सदन की मेज पर रखी जा चुकी है। भारत सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालय आयोग की पहली बैठक के निर्णयों पर अमल की दिशा में आवश्यक कार्यवाही कर रहे हैं। इन पर और अगली बैठक में जिन मुद्दों पर विचार किया जाएगा उन पर भी चार उप-आयोगों की बैठकों में और आगे विचार-विनियम होगा जिनकी बैठकें जल्दी ही होने वाली हैं।

Eradication of Malaria in the Country

*448. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL :
SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) whether it is a fact that malaria is rapidly spreading throughout the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has to face this disease every year ;

(c) if so, the number of cases occurred in each State during the last three years and the number of persons died due to this disease in each State during the said period ;

(d) the total amount spent for the eradication of this disease by the National Malaria Eradication Programme during the said period ; and

(e) the achievement made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) to (e). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The incidence of malaria in the country as a whole according to the reports received from State Governments and Union Territory Administrations is declining progressively during the last three years.

During the current year upto 30-11-1983, 11.57 million malaria cases have been reported against 16.13 million reported during the corresponding period in 1982. There is also a decline in the P. falciparum cases and mortality rate due to Malaria.

The reported incidence and the number of deaths due to Malaria during the last three years—1980, 1981 and 1982—State-wise is enclosed.

The total amount spent on National Malaria Eradication Programme during the last three years is given below :—

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1980-81	3330.50
1981-82	5484.91
1982-83	5511.14

The Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria with the specific objective of Containment of malaria disease is being implemented since April, 1977 and containment of disease is evident with the declining trend of incidence of malaria being reported.