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Authorities say bleaching powder, antilarval spray being sprinkled to prevent outbreak

With Yamuna water receding, the challenge before the government now is to prevent the outbreak of enteric and waterborne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea and typhoid.

The water level, which hit a peak of 206.5 metres after a gap of five years on Tuesday, has come out of the danger zone. Around 4pm on Wednesday, the water level stood at 204.80 metres.

Dr Naresh Gupta, professor of medicine, Lok Nayak Hospital, said, "There is always a threat of outbreak of enteric and waterborne diseases when the water level starts receding after every flood. This happens because flood water enters and pollutes other water sources."

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The government and civic agencies, however, said all kinds of measures, including sprinkling of bleaching powder, antilarval spray and distribution of ORS pouches at the relief camps are being undertaken to prevent any such outbreak.

“Medical teams are taking rounds of the campsites, where people evacuated from the floodplains are staying. Ambulances have also been kept ready. We will start sprinkling bleaching powder there,” said K Mahesh, district magistrate of east Delhi, who doubles up as the nodal officer to oversee rescue operations in East Delhi and Shahdara.

The Yamuna flows through six of the 11 revenue districts in Delhi. The maximum impact of the flood, however, was borne by two districts — east Delhi and Shahdara. Officials said rescue operations will continue till further orders from Delhi revenue minister Kailash Gahlot.

Since receding water leaves behind puddles and leads to waterlogging, the threat of outbreak of vector-borne diseases also loom large. “The puddles create a conducive atmosphere for aedes and anopheles mosquitoes to breed,” said PK Sen, director, National Vector-borne Control Programme. Civic bodies said they have scaled their anti-mosquito drives.

An official of the irrigation and flood control department said, “People would be allowed to return to the banks only when flood water recedes and there are no chances water discharge from Haryana.” Haryana, meanwhile, has brought down the water discharge to around 5,000 cusecs.

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