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Two days after the death of their three children reportedly due to food poisoning at Baliagudu village of Dumbriguda mandal, a couple-P Someswara Rao and Limmi-lost their fourth child, a three-year-old girl, on Tuesday late night.

P Revathi, the fourth of the five children of the couple, died while undergoing treatment for food poisoning at a private hospital in Visakhapatnam.

According to health officials, the girl was admitted to a private hospital late Monday night after she developed severe vomiting and loose motion, like her three siblings, who died earlier. The elder three brothers of Revathi-P Sattibabu (8), P Sekhar (10) and P Simhadri (6)-who were admitted to the KGH with similar complaints died while undergoing treatment on December 2 and 3.

The health officials rushed to the village and conducted camps on December 3. The doctors, after noticing similar symptoms in Revathi too, rushed her to a hospital in the city for better treatment.

"We suspect that all the children might have consumed poisonous plants," said J Sarojini, Visakhapatnam DM&HO.

Ruling out the other probable cause of the infection owing to poor sanitation and contaminated water, she said:"Our teams have inspected the village. Had it been a case of any infection, the children would have had fever. But, none of them had

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shown any sign of high temperature. We concluded that contaminated water was not the culprit, otherwise the villagers too would have had similar symptoms, which was not the case here."

According to DM&HO, after the parents left for work on December 2 morning, the kids might have consumed some poisonous plant grown in the locality. "There are a number of poisonous plants in the Agency. The kids might have consumed some flora without knowing the effect," she added.

Butressing her arguments, she further said there are no such symptoms on the fifth child of the couple yet because the baby is still being breastfed, she said. However, the health officials say that the autopsy report would throw some light.

"The postmortem has been already performed on Simhadri's body and the report is awaited. The body of the girl will also be sent for autopsy," Sarojini added. The Dumbriguda police have registered a case and investigation is on.

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