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The recurrence of a typhoid outbreak at Nediyrrippu near Kondotty within a year has raised serious fears about the safety of drinking water being used in Kondotty municipality.

200 people taken sick

More than 200 people who attended a marriage function at Charla, Cheruppadi, last month were affected by typhoid. Several dozen of them were admitted to different hospitals in the district, including Government Medical College Hospital, Manjeri. The authorities confirmed that it was the same paratyphoid that had hit the Kunnathuparamba area of Nediyrrippu in April-May last year. Hundreds of people had been affected by the paratyphoid that apparently spread from contaminated water served at a marriage party held on March 27 last year. The recurrence of the same type of paratyphoid is believed to have taken place through the curd served at the marriage function. Most of the victims have been from the Nediyrrippu Harijan Colony. "Most of my friends here have been hit. Apart from being forced to be at home, it affects our livelihood too as we can't go to any work," said B. Vasudevan, a labourer living at the colony. K.P.

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Firoz, who had spearheaded a people's action forum when the epidemic hit Nediyruppu last year, said that awareness of better hygiene and provision of safe and clean water was the only way out to

counter it. "We have been doing whatever we could to counter it and to help the victims. Most victims are poor. And it is sad that there was no response so far for their requests for government aid," said Mr. Firoz, referring to last year's fight against the epidemic. The health authorities have conducted awareness camps and medical camps. Health officials have been worried about secondary infection as the bacteria were being spread through fecal-oral route.

Incubation time

The incubation time of the bacteria has made it difficult for health officials to act and find the source of infection.

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