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Title:	Health dept on its toes as a village reports 45 filariasis cases in district Kozhikode, Kerala			
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The diagnosis of filariasis in 45 migrant labourers in just one village in the district has forced the Health Department to intensify screening migrant labourers' settlements and administering medicines to local residents.

The cases were found among labourers staying in rented accommodations at Kayakkodi grama panchayat in Kuttiyadi during an ongoing screening process that started in December. Sources in the district malaria office told The Hindu on Wednesday that such a high number of cases had not been reported from anywhere else from one region alone.

V. Jayashree, District Medical Officer, said that the residences of migrant labourers were being inspected under the 'Garima' project of the district administration. The dwellings were being graded in accordance with the amenities provided. Those which do not meet the standards would be asked to either improve the facilities or close down. Screening camps would continue to detect more cases, if any, among the labourers. "Tablets are also being distributed among local residents. There is no need to panic," she said.

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Sources in the Health Department, however, pointed out that the incident called for urgent preventive steps among the local population, including mass drug administration. The possibility of the disease spreading among local residents is high if they have not consumed the tablets. Filariasis was almost eradicated in the State in the late 90s following mass administration drives.

Meanwhile, a medical team led by the district malaria officer had visited panchayats under the Kunnummel block, such as Kayakkodi, Maruthonkara, Kavilumpara, and Kuttiyadi where microfilariae were found positive.

A special team titled migrant immigrant screening is holding night camps in migrant camps as the disease could be diagnosed only if peripheral blood samples were collected in deep sleep through what health activists call "deep prick".

Potential threat



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- A special team is holding night camps in migrant accommodations as the disease can be diagnosed only if peripheral blood samples are collected in deep sleep
- Residences of migrant labourers are being inspected under 'Garima' project of district administration

Tablets are also being distributed among local residents as a preventive measure

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