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Post record rain on July 6, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has recorded the first death of the decade due to waterborne diseases on Friday. Many residential areas in central Nagpur are getting contaminated water supply. Alarming, 16% drinking water samples collected by NMC health department from taps across the city in the last three months have been found to be contaminated.

The deceased has been identified as Rajendra Thakre, 51, resident of Gandhi Gate, Mahal, who reportedly died due to Viral Hepatitis-E (severe stage of jaundice) on Thursday. Corporator Bunty Shelke told TOI an offence should be registered against officials of NMC and private operator Orange City Water Private Limited (OCW). "Many areas of central Nagpur including Ram Mandir galli, Gadikhana, Dasra Road, Rahatekarwadi, Shivaji Nagar, Bhuteshwar Nagar, Nandaji Nagar, Siraspath, Gulabbaba slum, Qilla, Circle-6 etc have been affected. Children and senior citizens are suffering from gastro, jaundice etc. OCW officials are not paying heed to complaints," he said. Shelke added none of the NMC officials surveyed the area and initiate measures to control waterborne diseases. "Providing safe drinking water supply is a basic service. NMC is making tall claims about 24X7 water supply project

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but the work is not being done properly despite paying crores to OCW every year," he said.

Deceased Rajendra Thakre's brother Avinash lodged a complaint with Kotwali police station with demand to book OCW officials under section 299, 304 and 304 (A) of IPC. A large number of people from Mahal led by Shelke took out a rally from Union minister Nitin Gadkari's plot to Kotwali police station.

They staged demonstrations in front of the station and alleged that police was under pressure to not take any action against OCW. The civic body has registered 33 cases of gastroenteritis, eight cases of hepatitis-A, five cases of cholera, one of dysentery and one of diarrhoea between July 1 and 7. The cases were reported from Mohan Nagar, Khalsi Nagar, Gayatri Nagar, Kailash Nagar and Rameshwari. However, as per NMC records, Mahal is not among the affected areas. An NMC official told TOI that survey will be conducted in Mahal, followed by measures to control waterborne diseases. "It is mandatory for all hospitals to send a list of notifiable diseases so that we can initiate necessary measures to prevent an outbreak.

However, only 50 hospitals send us reports about waterborne diseases. It is only from corporators and citizens we learn about the outbreak of diseases. Besides pamphlets on waterborne diseases, we have been distributing chlorine tablets and liquid among citizens since June," he said. The official said that 426 of 2,652 water samples collected in April, May and June were found to be contaminated. "We collect samples from at least five taps in each of the 10 zones every day. We send the samples to government's laboratory at Mankapur.

The reports are shared with the NMC water works department and also OCW," the official said. In April, 107 out of 799 tap water samples were found to be contaminated, 180 out of 878 in May and 139 out of 975 in June. OCW said only of the 27,793 water samples collected this year, only 2,497 were found to be unfit. "Of the 2,497 unfit samples, 90% were found fit for drinking in the first repeat sampling done within a week. Investigation was done for remaining unfit samples, and pipeline was renewed, replaced, flushed and water was tested fit for drinking. This varied from 30 days to 45 days," the operator said. OCW said NMC health department and other agencies collect samples mostly during non-supply timings and from concentrated pockets that have reports of polluted water. "Also, these agencies collect samples from wells, borewells and nonpipeline network areas which do not fall under the OCW purview," the operator said

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