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The onset of summer and the distant rains have not proved to be factors potent enough to keep the dreaded dengue at bay with one suspected case of the disease being reported from Rampura Phul block of the district.

The serology reports of the patient showed he had tested positive for dengue. Last year too, dengue had marked its presence in the state first in June last year in Goniana block of Bathinda.

The 18-year-old patient from Phul town of Bathinda has been admitted to Max Hospital and is undergoing treatment after tests confirmed the case was positive. However, the report of the MacElisa test, that confirms the dengue outbreak, is awaited.

The dengue patient was admitted to government hospital, Rampura, from where he was referred to a higher medical institute after his platelet count dropped to less than 34,000.

Doctors at the Max Hospital claimed that the patient was showing all the symptoms of dengue but it has been confirmed with dengue rapid-test reports and dengue virus serology.

Last year, the health authorities focused on private hospitals to report the daily cases of dengue immediately to the Civil Hospital, Bathinda, following which the authorities could easily send anti-larva teams to trace the dengue larva and spray medicines on it.

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In June last year, dengue had spread its wings in Goniana town of Bathinda district. Later, it spread across the district, leaving a large number of cases in its wake. Nearly 2,017 cases were reported positive while half a dozen deaths were also reported last year but the health department feigns ignorance about the dengue deaths.

To counter dengue larva, the Municipal Corporation, along with the Health Department, started imposing fines on local residents up to Rs 500 to make them aware about the need to keep their surroundings clean.

Dr Sandeep Rai, who is treating the patient at Max Hospital, said, "The patient has been confirmed to be suffering from dengue in serology and card tests. However, MacElisa report from the Max laboratory in Delhi is awaited. The patient would be confirmed positive only after the report of the MacElisa test is received but we have sent it for testing after the dengue serology test reported positive."

Epidemiologist Dr Rajpal claimed to have covered more than 14,000 houses in Goniana, Maur and Rampura Phul blocks of the district to counter dengue by spraying in houses, checking coolers, open water cans or storage tanks and by distributing pamphlets to create awareness among the masses.

"People should not keep water stagnant in cans or open tanks and they should keep their coolers, refrigerators and surroundings clean," said Dr Rajpal.

"We have started holding camps in towns and cities of Bathinda as dengue is a disease that afflicts mostly the urban population while it is rarely witnessed among the villagers. This time, we have also introduced a special kind of fish in ponds or other places where water remains stagnant and dengue larva can nurture. The fish eats up the larva of dengue and would help us counter dengue," he added.

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