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Officials fear situation could worsen during monsoon

The worst fear of the Karna-taka Health and Family Welfare department has now come true. The department feared the possibility of an outbreak of water-borne epidemic this summer because of large samples of contaminated water that was collected from various centres. Now, a Cholera outbreak has been reported in parts of Belagavi district in North Karnataka. The department fears that the matter could get worse in rainy season.

"We get close to 400 samples of water for as part of routine water testing. In the month of April, we found out that close to 37 per cent of total samples was unfit for drinking," Dr Jagadish Nuchin, District Surveillance Officer, Belagavi district said. "We informed the taluk health officer who then took up the chlorination work in several gram panchayats. We are expecting close to 45 per cent in the month of June and July because of rainy season."

The first outbreak of Cholera has been reported in Bijagarni village and also in Belagavi city where close to 20 cases were reported together. Last year only one case was reported in the entire district.

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"We have set up an emergency clinic and also assigned a medical officer and auxiliary nurses. We have also employed extra staff and Asha workers," Dr Nuchin said. Meanwhile, health ministry has put the district officials on alert. "We have made a list of all the gram panchayats that could be prone to water-borne diseases and have also alerted the District Health Officers to take preventive measures," minister UT Khader said. "If there is any outbreak we need to check where there are discrepancies and take measures through the DHOs."

Last month, the health department was put on high alert when 40,000 samples were found contaminated out of three lakh samples of drinking water sources were collected from across the state. Contamination was largely found in Mysuru, Chitradurga, Davangere and Haveri district. After that Khader alerted all the local bodies to frequently clean the water tanks and take up chlorination as a precautionary measure.

## CHECK BEFORE YOU TAKE THAT SIP

Drink and use safe water

- \* Boil it or treat it with a chlorine product or household bleach.
- \* If boiling, bring your water to a complete boil for at least 1 minute.
- \* Always store your treated water in a clean, covered container.
- \* Wash your hands often with soap and safe water
- \* Before you eat or prepare food
- \* Before feeding your children
- \* After using the latrine or toilet
- \* After cleaning your child's bottom
- \* After taking care of someone ill with diarrhea
- \* Cook food well (especially seafood)
- \* Keep it covered
- \* Eat it hot
- \* Peel fruits and vegetables
- \* Be sure to cook shellfish (like crabs and crayfish) until they are very hot all the way through.

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