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Title:	24 deaths in Kaithal village in 2 months, Haryana			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Kaithal, SSU-Haryana			

Sotha village in Siwan block of this district is in the grip of some mysterious disease, which has resulted in the death of 24 persons over the past two months.

Four deaths in a single day (September 30) caused panic among villagers. The matter was brought to the notice of the administration, following which a team of the Health Department visited the village today.

However, health officials claimed that 14 deaths took place in the village from April to October 3. They took blood samples of those suffering from the disease today. They also took blood samples of other villagers.

The villagers alleged that the victims were not given proper treatment at the Community Health Centre in Siwan or the Civil Hospital in Kaithal. Doctors there examined them in a very casual manner before giving medicine, they added.

The villagers alleged that the disease had claimed the lives of several persons, but the health authorities did not bother to visit the village.

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Sarpanch Satish Kumar said at least 24 persons had died over the past two months. Most of the victims seemingly had low platelet count, typhoid or stomach-related problems. He said the Health Department should find out the cause of deaths and provide proper treatment to those affected by this mysterious disease.

Chief Medical Officer Ashok Chaudhary said a door-to-door survey was conducted in the village and the health team found only 14 deaths took place from April 1 till date. Blood samples taken today would be sent to laboratory for analysis. The CMO said he would go to the village tomorrow with a team of experts and take adequate follow-up steps.

Health officials' attitude casual: Villagers

Residents of Sotha village alleged that the victims were not given proper treatment at the Community Health Centre in Siwan or the Civil Hospital in Kaithal. Doctors there examined them in a very casual manner before giving medicine. The disease claimed the lives of several persons, but the health authorities did not bother to visit the village.

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