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Title:	With 600 new cases in August alone, typhoid fever grips Ahmedabad, Gujarat			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Ahmedabad, SSU-Gujarat			

Typhoid cases have increased in the city in July and August this year, compared to 2018 according to a report of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). Authorities said that higher vigilance is required to ensure that there is no consumption of contaminated water and food.

City recorded 600 cases of typhoid in August this year compared to 525 cases last year. Similarly, in July the number grew to 639 this year, compared to last year's 465. "This is because of contaminated water or food. We need to improve the quality of the food and water supplied at food outlets. Preferably, package water should be used," said Bhavin Solanki, in-charge Medical Officer of Health.

Apart from this, water supply system in some wards of the city is weak, compelling citizens to use pump-sets to pump water, which adds to water contamination. These wards include Vatva, Asarva, Gontipur, Saraspur-Rakhial, Naroda and Amraiwadi. However, the number of cases of other water-borne diseases like gastroenteritis, jaundice and cholera have reduced to 543, 353 and one in August this year compared to 787, 437 and 36 respectively, a year ago.

Cases of vector-borne diseases have also reduced in August, said the report.

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However, Congress has alleged that not enough surveillance is being carried out by the health department resulting in epidemics in the city. Joher Vohra, a member of the Health and Hospital Committee of Congress in Gujarat said in a press release that the exercise of roping in volunteers to conduct surveillance is ineffective. "Each volunteer is told to survey 50 households in three hours, which is not possible. This results in ineffective surveillance and cases of breeding of mosquitoes are not reported properly," said Vohra.

However, Solanki replied that no such complaint has been registered. "We are not facing any problem in surveillance," he said.

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