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Title:	5-year-old boy dies after consuming 'nutrient tablets' in district Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU - Tiruchirappalli, SSU – Tamil Nadu			

A five-year-old boy who mistakenly consumed some nutrient pills at his house in Trichy city on September 29 died at Institute of child health and hospital for children (ICHHC) in Chennai on Friday after he ran into health complications.

S Varshan from Edamalaipattipudhur was declared dead at ICHHC, Egmore, said his mother S Dhanabakiyam in her complaint to the Edamalaipattipudhur police. According to the FIR, she and her husband Suresh had gone to sell scrap iron after leaving their six-year-old daughter and Varshan at home on September 29.

On their return in the afternoon, they found their son down with diarrhoea and sick. The couple rushed the boy to a private hospital where he was given first aid. Later in the day, he was admitted to Mahatma Gandhi memorial government hospital (MGMGH). Since he failed to recover, Dhanabakiyam said they shifted the boy to ICHHC in Chennai on October 5. The boy's health deteriorated and he died on Friday there. Acting on the complaint, police booked a case of suspicious death under section 174 of CrPC.

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A city-based paediatrician said that the boy may have consumed iron tablet in large numbers which could have caused diarrhoea. "Consumption of iron tablets meant for adults by children will cause diarrhoea but it can be treated. There are incidences of children consuming tablets for diabetic and hypertension patients. Such cases can also be saved," paediatrician Dr V Ganavel said. He advised parents to keep medicines away from children as always cautioned.

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