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Title:	35 malaria, 45 suspected dengue cases in Panchkula hospital, Haryana			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Panchkula, SSU-Haryana			

The civil hospital in Panchkula's Sector 6 received 45 suspected cases of dengue and 35 cases of malaria last month, and around 150 suspected cases of dengue have been reported to the hospital in this season, sources said.

According to them, most of the malaria cases were from Kalka. This year, the hospital has received a total of 63 malaria cases till now.

Chief medical officer (CMO) Yogesh Sharma said that during a special check in July, malaria mosquitoes were found breeding in two government buildings and the teams met the heads of the departments to take necessary steps.

The CMO said their main emphasis is on the open drains this year which are the prime locations for mosquito breeding. A letter to the municipal corporation (MC), Haryana Urban Development Authority (Huda), public works department and other departments concerned has been sent to check the open drains, leakages and stagnant water where chances of breeding of mosquitoes are more.

The CMO said: "It is not our work alone to curb breeding of mosquitoes...other departments also need to keep a tab on water supply and keep their surroundings clean. Our malaria and dengue departments have formed 28 special teams who are

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working actively and doing multiple activities, including door to door awareness, checking of water coolers in various offices, dumping ground checking, etc.”

Dr Anita, biologist in the malaria department, said during the checking, they found that Kheda Sita Ram village in Kalka has a major problem of stagnant water and a letter to the public health department, Kalka, has been sent.

Also, gambusia fish, also known as mosquitofish, which eats larvae, have been sent for 121 water bodies identified by the teams, she added.

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