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Samples of a 5-year-old girl who was isolated in Ghaziabad after a doctor treating her flagged it as a possible case of monkeypox have tested negative for the zoonotic disease, officials said on Tuesday.

The samples had been sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune by the district authorities as a precautionary step on June 3. The reports came out to be negative, ruling out the first such case for India. Countries around the world are reporting an unexpected outbreak of monkeypox, a viral zoonotic disease that occurs primarily in tropical rainforest areas of central and West Africa, where it is endemic to animals.

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 800 cases have been diagnosed since May, including in 27 non-endemic countries such as the US, UK and European nations, indicating local transmission of the viral illness. India has not reported a case so far but the Centre last week released a set of guidelines for management of the disease and asked states to remain cautious.

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“The results for the samples sent to a government lab have returned as negative for monkeypox. Since there are no positive cases in the country, it is ok to be vigilant, but clinicians and people must not create panic and inform the authorities in time for better medical investigation,” said Dr Rakesh Gupta, district surveillance officer, Ghaziabad.

Earlier this month, ENT doctor BP Tyagi informed health officials that the 5-year-old girl he was treating at his clinic in the city for an ear-related ailment had rashes and pox-like lesions on her body.

She was subsequently isolated at the clinic although officials said she did not show other symptoms of monkeypox like fever. Her family, which belongs to Patna and had come to Ghaziabad for treatment, also did not have a history of recent international travel nor close contact with a traveller.

District officials told TOI on Tuesday that the girl is out of quarantine and her condition is stable. Her family is likely to get medical consultation with a dermatologist for further treatment, they said.

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