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Title:	Second death due to scrub typhus in district Alwar, Rajasthan			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Alwar, SSU-Rajasthan			

Death of a 22-year-old woman due to scrub typhus in Alwar on Wednesday has put health authorities on alert. It is the second death due to scrub typhus in the district in past 12 days.

The woman belonged to Firozpur Jagir of Ramgarh area of Alwar. For the past few days, she was suffering from fever. Chief medical health officer Dr Hansraj Meena said that the woman was brought to the community health centre in Rajgarh with fever on August 20. But as her condition deteriorated further, she was referred to Rajiv Gandhi hospital in Alwar where she was diagnosed with scrub typhus.

But, her condition became critical during the treatment and she was rushed to Sawai Man Singh (SMS) hospital on Tuesday night. But she died on the way to Jaipur from Alwar. Dr Meena said they have conducted a survey of the area to find out if there are more such cases. They have found cases of fever, cough and cold. The medical team, sent to the area, provided them medicines. It is not the first death due to scrub typhus in Alwar. Earlier on August 13, a 53-year-old woman had died of scrub typhus. She was rushed to a private hospital in Jaipur where she was diagnosed with scrub typhus. But, she died of the disease during the treatment.

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Dr Meena further said that people who are constantly in contact with grass, agriculture fields and bushes are prone to the disease as there are the places which belong to the mite that's causes scrub typhus.

The disease affects lungs, kidneys and liver badly. It causes so much of damage to the vital organs that they stop functioning properly resulting in the death of the patient. The health department has alerted the officials in eastern Rajasthan as these areas are prone to scrub typhus attacks during monsoon.

The health authorities have also appealed to the people to immediately consult with doctors in case of fever. Taking treatment from quacks could be fatal for such patients. Officials said that people should wear proper footwear while going out in grassy areas. The first cases of scrub typhus were reported in Alwar in August 2011. Since then, cases are being reported from eastern parts of the state like Bharatpur, Dausa, Karauli and Dholpur.

Rains have brought along with it some miseries for the resident of Alwar in the form of scrub typhus. The woman who died of scrub typhus belonged to Firozpur Jagir of Ramgarh area in Alwar district. For the past few days the woman was suffering from fever. Chief medical health officer Dr Hansraj Meena said the woman had been brought to community health centre Rajgarh with fever on August 20. But as her condition deteriorated, she had been referred to Rajiv Gandhi hospital in Alwar. In the hospital, she was diagnosed with scrub typhus. But, her condition became critical in the hospital during the treatment. She was rushed to Sawai Man Singh hospital on Tuesday night. But she died on the way to Jaipur from Alwar.

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Dr Meena said that those people are vulnerable to the disease that constantly remain in contact with grass, agriculture fields and bushes as there are the places belong to the mite causing scrub typhus.

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