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The number of confirmed cholera cases within the two-and-a-half months of monsoon this year has gone up to nine. And at least five of the nine cases have come from E ward, that covers areas in Mazgaon, Nagpada and Byculla, the BMC said in a recent statement.

While the incidence of the acute diarrhoeal infection has been restricted to wards in the island city, three of the two cases in August came from Byculla alone. None of the cases were from the same or even nearby areas, said a civic official. "Usually, we find cholera cases from areas in vicinity of each other. Both these cases came from slum pockets but were in different parts of the ward. The patients also required hospitalisation. They have recovered now," said the official.

E ward has always been a hotbed of gastroenteric cases, including cholera. Water contamination, which is the prime reason for cholera, is frequently seen in south Mumbai wards. "The main culprit of water contamination in the island city are corroded and damaged water pipelines," said the civic official, adding that a massive mop-up operation has been taken up in the ward. Several cases of diarrhoea and gastroenteritis have been detected, but none with signs of classic cholera. Besides Byculla, other three cases were reported from Sion-Dharavi, Dongri and Mulund.

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A senior doctor at Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, where cholera patients are treated in a dedicated ward, said Mumbai no longer sees acute cholera. "But one cannot take any chances with the diarrhoeal infection that can kill within hours if left untreated," the doctor said, adding that every gastroenteritis case is subjected to a hanging drop test. "There are little chances of missing out cases," the doctor said.

Cholera cases have seen a steady decline over the years. The last time cholera cases were reported in high numbers (35) was five years ago. "Cholera can spread in no time, so you cannot never drop your guard," the doctor added. Besides Mumbai, only Yavatmal seems to have reported cholera cases this monsoon. Director of Health Services Dr Sanjeev Kamble said 15 cases have been reported so far in the state.

City doctors, however, said more than cholera, it's gastroenteritis that has sent Mumbaikars to the sickbay. In the last fortnight, it has contributed to over 400 admissions in public hospitals. Physician Dr Hemant Thacker said at least two of his patients needed ICU care. "In both cases, it started from loose motions that gave rise to severe dehydration. Often, such dehydration can cause the kidneys to shut down," he said.

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