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Title:	Six die of scrub typhus in Kota district Rajasthan, confirms med report			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Kota, SSU-Rajasthan			

Kota medical and health department on Friday went into high action mode after nine patients admitted in various hospitals in Kota city were on Thursday tested positive with scrub typhus. Six of them died of the disease as their medical test report came after their deaths.

At least 38 samples collected from various hospitals of the city were on Thursday put on testing for scrub typhus in central lab and nine of them confirmed positive with scrub typhus. Horribly enough, six of the patients among the nine tested positive with scrub typhus had died between August 13 and 20 while undergoing medical treatment at various hospitals of the city. "Of the nine patients tested positive with scrub typhus, six patients, three from Bundi district, two from Jhalawar, one from Kota had died," said Dr. Vinod Prabhakar, entomologist at Maharao Bhim Singh (MBS) hospital in Kota. At least fifty patients have so far been tested positive with swine flu and nine of them have died since January this year, he said adding 185 patients have been tested positive with dengue and one of them has died so far.

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The patients who died of scrub typhus in recent days during treatment in Kota were identified as Jagannath (50), Anita (25) of Jhalawar district, Morepal (18), Ramratan (54), Dhaniya (18) of Bundi district and Gopalibai (76) of Kota city.

“The concerned officials of the central lab have been directed to take action for delay in testing the samples and they have also been instructed to conduct daily test of the collected samples and submit reports,” chief medical and health officer (CMHO) Kota Dr. RK Lavania said. The reason behind delay in testing the samples was cited to be low inflow of samples in the central lab in recent past so when the samples were collected in considerably enough quantity, they were put to testing on Thursday, he said but added now the central lab staff has been directed to test the samples daily. The medical staff has also been directed to carry out spray in affected areas where the scrub typhus patients had surfaced and the CMHOs of Bundi and Jhalawar districts were instructed to initiate preventive measures in scrub typhus affected areas of their respective districts.

“Bacteria called Tsutsugamushi, generally found in saliva of a kind of mosquito in shrubs and bushes, causes scrub typhus,” said Dr. LN Meena of government hospital in Bundi and added its symptoms are not physically visible easily.

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