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As many as 150 residents of Chilalguda Railway Quarters, 40 of them children, fell seriously ill after consuming contaminated water supplied to their homes on Monday. They are undergoing treatment at the Secunderabad area railway hospital. While elders are recovering, children's condition is said to be still critical.

The drinking water supplied to around 1,200 railway quarters by the railways was found contaminated. While the water board washed its hands of the incident, stating that it had supplied safe drinking water, the railways ordered a probe into the incident.

The trouble came to light on Sunday with some people complaining of vomiting and loose motions.

As more than 100 people fell ill on Monday, officials concerned started analysing the quality of drinking water and found it was contaminated. They immediately stopped the supply and emptied the water tank.

While officials claimed that the water was properly chlorinated, local residents differed. "We have been being supplied contaminated water for about 15 days. In spite of several complaints, no one bothered to look into the matter. When we

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stressed and said that water is not properly chlorinated, officials feigned ignorance," a resident said.

"This problem has been existing for years now. Every rainy season we get contaminated water. The water is supplied to us through a 35-year-old pipeline from an uncleaned tank. Only because scores of people fell sick, officials reacted this time," another resident said.

SCR orders enquiry

South Central Railway general manager Ravindra Gupta ordered an enquiry to ascertain the reasons for the large number of people falling ill.

An enquiry committee consisting of chief health director and chief engineer (works) of SCR has been constituted to investigate the reasons behind the incident.

He also instructed SCR officials to provide medical care to the patients to ensure their speedy recovery.

Twenty-eight patients have been admitted to the Railway Hospital at Lallaguda at present and eight to referral hospitals. The condition of all the patients is stable and safe.

Gupta instructed officials to depute staff from the health department for a door-to-door visit of the railway quarters to advise the residents on the precautions to be taken such as boiling of drinking water before consumption, maintaining adequate sanitation in the railway colonies and others.

He ordered regular cleaning of water tanks and a thorough check of the water pipelines in the area.

HMWS&SB passes buck

Water Board officials said the board gave bulk supply to railways which, in turn, is responsible for monitoring internal distribution and supply of safe drinking water. The board was in no way responsible for the incident, they asserted.

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