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Title:	Himachal in grip of scrub typhus, 200 suspected cases			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Shimla, SSU-Himachal Pradesh			

With monsoons, scrub typhus is back in Himachal Pradesh which has already gripped 19 people being found positive with disease and around 200 suspected cases have been tested in Indira Gandhi and Medical College and Hospital (IGMCH) in Shimla alone. So far, no related deaths have been reported in the state. This high intensity fever is caused due to the mites in the shrubs causing the bacterial (bacteria orientia tsutsugamushi) infection. Risk of this disease is very high during and after monsoons due to grass cutting.

IGMCH senior medical superintendent Dr Ramesh Chand said that with monsoons, cases of scrub typhus are increasing in the state day by day. "We have got more positive cases from district Mandi, Bilaspur and Shimla," he added. He said that with increasing awareness, now suspected patients are reaching hospital in the initial stage. "In suspicion, people should immediately reach nearby hospitals as its treatment becomes difficult if diagnosed in a later stage which can cause death also," he added. In 2015, scrub typhus took lives of around 20 people and around 15 cases from rural Himachal were reaching the IGMCH every day. The patients, who died, belonged to Chhota Shimla, Chirgaon, Theog, Chaupal, Rohru in Shimla, Kasauli in Solan, Sarkaghat in Mandi, Nirmand in Kullu, Jhandatta in Bilaspur and Shilai in Sirmaur. Maximum of the deaths had been reported from the state capital Shimla. In 2014, more than 1,000 people were reported positive with the disease in IGMCH.

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