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| Title: | 5 deaths due to cholera in district Rayagada, Odisha | | | |
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Five people died due to cholera in the tribal dominated district of Rayagada in Odisha. Odisha Health and Family Welfare Minister Atanu S Nayak on Monday directed authorities to ensure 24-hour healthcare and safe drinking water supply in the affected areas, even as at least five persons allegedly died due to cholera in tribal dominated Rayagada district.

The Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) has confirmed cases of cholera in Kalyansinghpur block of the district.

“As many as 28 persons were affected with diarrhoea between July 16 and 22 in the block. Our team of microbiologists went to the area and collected five samples of which two had the presence of Vibrio cholera bacteria,” RMRC director Namita Mohapatra said. A team of RMRC would soon visit the affected villages, she said.

The state Health Secretary Arati Ahuja, however, denied the allegation and claimed the five persons died of diarrhoea and not due to cholera.

“It is a fact that two persons have been tested positive of cholera. These two persons are under treatment. The persons who died earlier suffered from diarrhea and cholera,” Ahuja told PTI. Rejecting the allegation that cholera has taken an epidemic

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form in Kalyansinghpur area, the secretary claimed no water sources have tested positive for cholera virus.

“The situation is completely under control and there is nothing to panic,” she said. Stating that cholera is also a type of diarrhea, Rayagada additional district medical officer Siba Prasad Padhi said as two samples have tested positive, all patients were undergoing treatment for cholera.

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