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The number of dengue cases recorded this year in Telangana has been higher than the last two years. Data from the national vector-borne disease programme show that till October 30, the state recorded 1,916 dengue cases, up from 1,831 cases in 2015 and 704 in 2014.

The city too has had a tough time, with figures from state-run Sir Ronald Ross Institute of Tropical & Communicable diseases (Fever Hospital) showing that last month alone 106 dengue cases were recorded. About 408 dengue patients were treated in total from January till October this year. Even Chikungunya saw a slight rise in the city with 17 confirmed cases in October against nine recorded in September at the Fever Hospital. However, actual figures could be much higher as both district medical health authorities and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation authorities have tried to claim Fever Hospital's data for the entire city.

"In our small nursing home, we treated around 30 dengue cases last month," said a private health practitioner in Secunderabad. The corporate hospitals scene is entirely different as they have been treating higher number of dengue cases with many patients from districts thronging city hospitals for treatment at late stages. In one well-known corporate hospital in Banjara Hills, more than 200 confirmed cases were reported in last three months. A health department official attributed the rise in

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number of dengue cases in the city to the extended monsoon. "Rains as late as September led to stagnation of water, leading to an increase in breeding of mosquitoes," said the officer, adding that more cases were reported in areas such as Amberpet, Ramananthapur and Langa House this year.

This explains why the officially recorded dengue cases in Hyderabad in October 2015 was just 49 as against 106 cases recorded during October, 2016.

When contacted, GHMC's chief entomologist V Venkatesh, said dengue cases will come down after the month of November. "We worked closely with district health authorities and carried out antilarval operations besides spreading awareness among different sections of people in the city," he said.

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