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Title:	Hundreds of people fallen ill with diarrhoea in district Kangra, Himachal Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Kangra, SSU-Himachal Pradesh			

Hundreds of people at Jarpal village of Kangra district have reportedly fallen ill with diarrhoea and are blaming the irrigation and public health (I&PH) department for supply of contaminated drinking water. The total population of the village is 1,500 and 260 of them are reported to have fallen ill.

Residents had complained to the I&PH department that the water supply to the area was contaminated, which led to the outbreak of the epidemic. But officials of the department concerned have denied these allegations. Health department has taken samples of water and the report is awaited.

Rakesh Sharma, a resident of the affected area, said that diarrhoea was a water-borne disease and there is no other reason that so much people have fallen ill at the same time.

Mohan Choudhary, block medical officer of the area, have confirmed that 260 people had been detected with the symptoms of the disease. Rajesh Guleri, district health officer, said that they had taken the samples of stool and water from the area. However, the I&PH department have maintained that their teams have checked the

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water tanks and there was no such carelessness at their end. "The department should not be blamed till the report about the samples is not released by the health department," said Aseem Kumar, SDO of the area.

Pradhan of the village Prabhat Singh, however, have blamed the department for the contaminated water supply. He said that the department was not maintaining hygiene at the source of drinking water, which is the only reason behind this outbreak.

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