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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Sewage mixes with water, 66 fell ill due jaundice in district Bathinda, Punjab</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Bathinda, SSU-Punjab			

An outbreak of jaundice has been reported from Harraipur village following a leakage in water supply line and subsequent mixing of potable water with the sewer water.

According to the Health Department, as many as 66 confirmed cases and 186 suspected cases of jaundice have been reported in the past five days from the village. Health officials have started taking up corrective measures to prevent further spread of the disease.

The officials have claimed that after identification, the leakage points have been plugged at various locations and work is still on to check if there are any more leakage points.

Talking to Bathinda Tribune, Dr Umesh Gupta, district surveillance officer, said: "We have collected 45 new samples of suspected jaundice patients from the village on Wednesday, a final report of which is expected to arrive on Thursday."

Meanwhile, Civil Surgeon Amrik Singh Sandhu held a meeting to counter the outbreak from spreading further by taking some corrective and precautionary measures through awareness and counselling.

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Dr Gupta added, "The water supply has been restored in the village but residents are not being allowed to use the water as of now. We have been conducting sampling of water in regular intervals to make sure that water supplied is fit for drinking. We have also instructed that children must not be forced to attend school for a few days. Awareness on maintaining proper hygiene is being provided to residents of the village."

Sources said dirty water pond (chappad) in the village was to be cleaned according to Seechewal model (water is used for irrigation purposes) but due to apathy of authorities, none of these works could be done.

As potable water supply remains suspended in the village, water is being fetched via water tankers from waterworks in Jandanwala village, said sources.

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