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Title:	<b>75 scrub typhus cases reported in Satna since August, Madhya Pradesh</b>			
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A total of 75 positive cases of scrub typhus have been reported in Satna district since August. The spurt in cases of this infection have put health officials on alert. Common symptoms of scrub typhus, a bacterial infection that spreads through mites present on the body of rodents, include fever, rashes and headache among others.

“There have been scattered cases in past also in Satna and nearby districts but cases have increased this year. However, this increase has been over a period of three months and from different places. We are running awareness campaigns and anti-larvae activities to curb the cases in the district,” chief medical and health officer, Satna Dr L K Tiwar told TOI.

Last year only 29 confirmed cases of scrub typhus were reported in the district. This year so far 75 cases have been reported. The first case was reported on August 14 from Majhgawan block and a total of six positive cases were reported in August. In September it increased to 29, in October 40 cases were reported, in November so far no case has been reported. Reports of 14 samples are awaited.

“After the first case, we intensified our surveillance in the affected village and people who had fever for few days were tested for it. Of the total cases, a few are also from urban areas

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and a majority are from different villages in Sohawal block of the district,” district epidemiologist, Dr Pradeep Gautam told TOI.

He added, “Advisories have been issued, we are creating awareness. Pyrethrum (insecticide) spray is being done in affected villages up to two feet on the walls of houses... as the mites that spread this infection do not climb more than two feet, insecticide is being spread there.”

“Locals are advised not to sit by resting their back on walls, keep rat traps in houses, clear shrubs near the houses and to not sit close to shrubs, Gautam said.

“Besides local hospitals have been instructed that if any patient with persistent fever arrives and if they are not tested positive for dengue, malaria or any such disease, then treatment for scrub typhus should be started. If it is detected and treated early, then it is 100% curable,” he said.

Last year, a 13-year-old girl had died due to the disease in Nagaud block of Satna.

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