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The Chhattisgarh government is faced with a double whammy as it fights with two infections at the same time. Already struggling to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, it is now battling an outbreak of jaundice in a number of clusters in Raipur city and neighbouring cities of Bilai and Durg. More than 250 people have been infected with the water-borne disease, which is a common reoccurrence in the capital city with start of summer.

This year, the jaundice outbreak has struck in a huge level, putting the state health department and the Raipur Municipal Corporation on its toes.

Meanwhile, an advocate in a letter to the city civic body, citing a verdict of PIL, has pointed out that the Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has to supply potable water in tankers to the affected areas, change of pipelines and other necessary steps to mitigate the water-borne disease. A release by the state health department said until Wednesday, 116 people with jaundice were admitted to hospitals while 33 people have recovered and discharged. It further said that 78 people suffering from jaundice are undergoing treatment at the district hospital.

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Due to regular camps being held in affected areas more new patients are being detected in the city, the release said. State Health department is holding camps in affected areas in Bhatagaon, Changorabhata, Mathpurena, Amapara, Daldalseoni, Atari and Mangal Bazaar in the capital city, Khursipar and other neighbourhoods in Bhilai.

Satnam Panag, chairman of RMC water resources committee said, "The filter bed of the water filtration plant has not been cleaned since it was constructed. The filter bed is muddy and was full of worms."

In addition, the stream from the stop-dam to the suction pump, due to low water level, and lower flow, polluted water is being sucked into the water filtration plant, Panag said. "With ineffective filtering in the filter bed, polluted water sipped into the filtration plant."

He further said that efforts has commenced for re-laying of filter-bed. "A tender is being floated, leakages have been plugged and the quantity of chlorine in the water has been increased," he said. People with more than 18% of bilirubin have been detected but due to timely intervention, the situation is being brought under control, the RMC official said.

On Dangi's letter to supply potable water in tankers to affected areas, he said, "It will do no good as the water from the filter-plant has to be supplied in tankers." "If the water is contaminated, the same water will be supplied. Instead, the loopholes in the supply of water are being plugged to tackle it." Dr Meera Baghel, district chief medical and health officer said that more than 400 samples have been tested and more than 250 positive cases were detected.

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