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Title:	Scrub typhus cases touch 53 in Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Mandsaur, SSU- Madhya Pradesh			

Health facilities in Mandsaur have reported 23 new cases of vector borne bacterial disease scrub typhus in the last one month taking the overall tally to 53, as per records of district health office.

The cases were reported as continuous surveillance by collecting samples from hospitals had been undertaken.

Mandsaur is part of a study by AIIMS, Bhopal carried out in around half a dozen districts across Madhya Pradesh to get details about scrub typhus disease. A couple of years ago, Mandsaur had reported around 200 cases of the disease in a year.

The authorities in the district are targeted to collect 20 samples a week from the district under the study. The sample collection is going on and positive cases are being reported. The authorities have collected 165 samples of suspects and reports of around 22 are pending with AIIMS, the nodal agency for testing them.

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“A total of 53 cases of scrub typhus have been reported from the samples collected at health facilities in Mandsaur. Of these 53, 10 people are residents of Ratlam and two are from Rajasthan,” epidemiologist Dr Shubham Silawat told TOI.

“People from bordering districts and Rajasthan walk to the government health facility of the district with symptoms and get the treatment,” he said.

Scrub typhus spreads among people through bites of infected chiggers (larval mites). The bacteria enter the body of a person with bite and later enter the bloodstream after multiplying themselves. The early symptoms of the disease are cold, cough, fever, headache, and rashes. The disease is prevalent in rural areas, where there are open fields with grains that help in breeding of rats, who are carriers of the bacteria.

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