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The recent death of a Zirakpur resident due to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is the first death case from Punjab. According to doctors, JE results in morbidity, but death is not common. The man, a labourer originally from Bihar, was living in Lohgarh village in Zirakpur.

Mohali hospital authorities fumigated the area on Friday and have alerted all the nearby hospitals in Derrabassi and Mohali. "The patient was a native of Bihar and had come to Zirakpur for work. He died on April 11, but we were informed only this week that he died due to JE. This is the first case in the state of death due to JE," said Dr Gagandeep Singh Grover, state programme officer of the National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme.

Health officials have so far surveyed 975 houses. "There is no stagnant water or pigs around, so it was certainly carried after the labourer travelled from Bihar. However, as a preventive measure, we have alerted all hospitals within a radius of 3-5 kms from Lohgarh," Dr Grover said.

He added, "The mosquito has a flight range of 200kms, so it can transmit the virus within this range."

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The vector-borne disease is usually transmitted usually during the rainy season until September. "We get more than 100 patients yearly during the season, mainly from Haryana. Children are most likely to contract JE as they have low immunity," said Dr Manish Modi, neurologist, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

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