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Title:	13 scrub typhus cases in Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh			
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Heavy rain spells in Mandsaur have caused the spread of vector-borne bacterial disease- Scrub typhus, in the district, where at least 13 cases have been detected in the last two weeks.

The cases are homogeneously spread all over district and among population age groups. The youngest affected is a one-and-a-half-year girl and the oldest being the 65-year-old male of the district, officials claimed. There are, however, no deaths because of this disease in the district so far, officials said.

District epidemiologist Dr Shubham Kumar told TOI, "At least 13 cases of Scrub typhus have been reported in the district in the last two weeks following a fever survey that began with rains."

"In district, the outbreak of scrub typhus was reported a couple of years ago too. So, the doctors here are aware about the disease, its symptoms and now the cases are being detected at an early stage", said Dr Shubham.

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The disease is caused by bacteria *Orientia tsutsugamushi*. Scrub typhus spreads through bites of infected chiggers (larval mites). The bacteria enters body with bite and later enters into the bloodstream after multiplying themselves. The early symptoms of the disease are cold, cough, fever, headache and rashes.

"The blood samples of the suspect are sent to AIIMS Bhopal for a confirmatory test. The disease is cured by doxycycline prescribed in accordance with body weight for five to seven days," said Dr Shubham.

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