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Title:	Jaundice breaks out in Sambalpur, 9 affected, Odisha			
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Jaundice has become a cause of concern for residents of Badsinghari, which falls under ward 1 of Sambalpur city. An inhabitant of the area claimed that many people of their locality have been affected by jaundice.

Following the complaint, a team of health department on Monday visited the area to take stock of the situation.

Additional district medical officer (ADMO), public health, Panchanan Nayak said, "A medical team visited Badsinghari. It discussed with people and came to know that nine persons have been suspected to have been affected by jaundice. A team with medical kits will visit the area on Tuesday also. And blood test of the affected persons will be conducted."

Nayak further said the water sample was collected from that area. "We will send the water sample for test. Moreover, the public health engineering organisation has also been asked to undertake chlorination of water sources in that area," he said.

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Badsinghari is 7 km from the main city and has a population of 500. There are four tubewells in the locality and of them three are lying defunct. So people of the area are depending on the lone tubewell for their drinking water needs, said an official.

Nayak said, during visit on Monday, the medical team noticed that many people of the area are consulting traditional healers. "Many people were seen wearing thread, which is generally prescribed by traditional healers for treatment of jaundice. The medical team asked the people to come to the hospital and consult the doctor instead of relying on traditional healers. We have also decided to organise awareness programmes there," he added.

In March, a large number of jaundice cases had been reported from Burla in the city. Contaminated water was the reason behind the outbreak of the disease at Burla, said an official.

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