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Dalit baby girl dies after being vaccinated

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Tikamgarh

A 45-day-old Dalit girl died here today, a day after she was given a pentavalent vaccine by a nurse under a government-run scheme at Bamohari village, which is some 30-km from here. The deceased girl's father, Mukesh Ahirwar, has lodged a complaint at the Baldevgarh police station alleging that his daughter Bhavna died after she was vaccinated by nurse Usha Ahirwar at Bamohari village's anganwadi centre yesterday.

However, District Vaccination Officer P K Jain said that Bhavna didn't die due to vaccination since eight more babies of the same village had been injected with vaccines from the same batch. Jain said that a

post-mortem report had revealed that she died because milk blocked her respiratory tract when she was being fed.

In his complaint, Mukesh stated that his daughter became unwell and her condition deteriorated last night, after which she died at 3 am today, Baldevgarh police inspector Chandan Singh Parihar told PTI.

Parihar said that police is investigating the complaint threadbare. Incidentally, children upto two years of age are being immunised with pentavalent vaccine against preventable diseases like diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B under the central government-run Mission Indradhanush in Madhya Pradesh. PTI