

# Fungus and algae found in packaged water, FDA seizes 1,200 bottles

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After consuming the water, Dalvi and his family members fell sick. "We started vomiting and had loose motions. When we checked the water bottles carefully, we found that the water was very dirty with fungus and algae floating in it," said Dalvi.

Gallon water is produced by SSGRP Food and Agro Private Limited, a company based out of Nashik. Dalvi, who called on Gallon's customer care number, said, "An executive spoke very arrogantly and refused to accept responsibility.

The company sent a quality control officer to Dalvi's place after a few days. "He inspected the bottles and offered us compensation. I refused to take it because I was not looking for compensation, but redressal of the problem," added Dalvi.

He then wrote a letter to Bureau of Indian Standards with the CM/L number on the bottle. He also registered a complaint with the FDA, Thane, on June 3 and submitted the contaminated bottle to them.

The FDA then raided the shop in Titwala on June 4 and seized 1,200 bottles of Gallon water. "After receiving the complaint, we raided the shop and seized the bottles. We will send the water for testing to establish the nature of its content," said an FDA official, who was part of the team that raided the shop.

"This kind of contaminated water can be very harmful for people and strict action should be taken against manufacturers who indulge in such misdeeds," said Dalvi.

