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Title:	At least 50 students fell sick after eating mid-day meal in Bargarh, Odisha			
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In a suspected case of food poisoning, at least 50 students who had mid-day meal (MDM) at an upper primary school in Odisha's Bargarh fell sick. Four students remain admitted to a health centre while all others were sent home after treatment, reports said.

The incident was reported at Bramhandihi Upper Primary School in Bargarh's Sohela block on Friday. 82 students were served rice and soya chunks at the school. Not long after eating the meal, a student complained of stomach ache and started vomiting. Later, more students complained of stomach aches and were rushed to the Sohela community health centre (CHC) for treatment, The New Indian Express (TNIE) said in a report.

According to the doctor at the CHC, some of the students who were treated were continuously vomiting as they were seriously ill. "Four students have been kept under observation in the CHC while the rest were discharged after primary

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treatment. Condition of the four students is stable," TNIE quoted the doctor as saying.

A teacher of the UP school said it was a student who was already sick on Friday that complained of stomach ache first after having the meal. However, several others started showing symptoms afterwards and needed medical attention. The teacher told TNIE that the MDM was served on Friday like any other day.

Earlier in June, students of another school in Bargarh had fallen sick after eating MDM.

The Midday Meal Scheme is a nationwide school meal programme implemented to improve the nutritional standing of school-age children.

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