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<b>Title:</b>	<b>17 government school students fall ill due to food poisoning in Haridwar district, Uttarakhand</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- <b>Haridwar</b> , SSU- <b>Uttarakhand</b>			

As many as 17 students were taken ill allegedly after consuming food at the hostel mess of state government-run Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya in Shikarpur near Landhaura on Tuesday night. Immediately after the students complained of stomach-ache, they were rushed to a local government clinic where they were given treatment.

Officials of the school said that the students had consumed rice and lentil during dinner on Tuesday night. Soon after, they started complaining of stomach pain and dehydration. Parents of the students meanwhile alleged that the school provides low quality food to children and claimed that at least four food poisoning incidents have been reported in the school in the past three years.

"A few students who had taken ill were brought to our clinic on Wednesday morning. I believe they had consumed some infected food. After providing them with treatment, we sent them back to school," said Dr Jitendra Mishra, who works at the local government clinic.

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Meanwhile, the school administration has denied the possibility of food poisoning due to the meal served by them. "The food prepared in the hostel mess was also served to teachers and other students. If it was a case of food poisoning, then everyone would have complained of the symptoms but only a few students suffered stomach ache. The ailing students were immediately rushed to the clinic," school principal Anoop Singh Pundir told TOI.

The district administration also took cognisance of the incident. "We will probe the case and take action if anybody is found guilty," Nitika Khandelwal, Roorkee joint magistrate, said.

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