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Title:	<b>115 fell sick after eating pani-puri in Mandla; second case in 6 months, Madhya Pradesh</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Mandla, SSU- Madhya Pradesh			

In a second such incident within 6 months, 115 people including 88 children fell ill after eating 'paani puri' in Mandla district. Those injured are from two different places but have consumed 'paani puri' from same vendor who used to move on motorcycle and sell 'paani puri' from place to place. Administration teams have also seized citric acid from the 'paani puri' seller which he probably used in place of lemon in 'paani'.

Among those fell ill and hospitalized include 31 from Narayanganj block and 84 from Mandla district headquarters. All the 31 from Narayanganj are children while 57 of 84 from Mandla are children, remaining are adults mostly women also including two expecting mothers. These people had consumed 'paani puri' on Saturday and started falling ill from late evening onwards. "We have last received patients till Sunday afternoon. The condition of all is stable but as a precaution we have not discharged them and kept them under observation", district collector Mandla, Harshika Singh told TOI.

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She added, “Earlier after a similar incident in May this year, we had prohibited sale of food items from such stalls for some time and all the sellers were trained and made aware of the food safety norms. However in the current case, the ‘paani puri’ seller is not a stationary stall owner, but it is a family of sellers, they move around on motorcycles selling it door to door. Two sellers have been booked under relevant sections of food safety Act and are being interrogated. Packets of citric acid were recovered from their possession, there was no manufacturing or expiry date on the packet. Action is being taken against the retailer who had sold that citric acid to the ‘paani puri’ seller.” On May 29 this year too, more than 150 persons—mainly children—were infected after eating ‘paani-puri’ at a local haat bazaar in Singarpur village of Mandla district.

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