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Title:	40 children fall ill after eating mid-day meal at Anganwadi in district Jhargram, West Bengal			
Action By CSU, IDSP –NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Jhargram , SSU- West Bengal			

As many as 40 children reportedly fell ill after consuming mid -day meal food in Jhargram on Tuesday. Many of the victims are undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. The incident created panic among local residents. The incident took place at Loghata area of Jhargram. It was learnt that the children consumed food at an Anganwadi centre. Around 40 children fell ill after having the food. They were immediately taken to the Jhargram district hospital. Many children were released from the hospital after primary treatment but some of them are still undergoing treatment at the hospital. It was learnt that they complained of nausea and vomiting.

The reason of their illness is yet to be confirmed. The ICDS workers can be interrogated in this connection. A detailed probe has been initiated in this regard. It is suspected that the incident took place due to food poisoning. The actual cause will only be confirmed after a probe is conducted. Local residents also demanded a probe to find out who was accountable for negligence in the incident. Such incidents were earlier reported from others districts as well as the quality of food served in schools

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under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme continues to remain poor. Some children fell ill after having mid-day food in Howrah's Uluberia.

Cases, in which poor quality meals were cooked in unhygienic conditions and inadequate and poor quality of infrastructure, are being regularly reported from various parts of the country raising concern over the health of schoolchildren.

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