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Title:	64 students fell ill after eating 'contaminated' food in Purba Bardhaman district, West Bengal			
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At least 64 school children fell ill after eating food provided by the local panchayat following the march with the message of banning plastic. The number of sick people may increase. Incident of Ausha Primary School in Navasta Gram Panchayat, Burdwan. It is believed that children fell ill one after the other due to food poisoning.

It has been announced that plastic has been banned throughout the country since 1 July. Despite this, plastic is used in various places. Therefore, Navasta Gram Panchayat authorities organized a procession in Block No. 2 of Burdwan to promote awareness. Students from Ausha Primary School participated in the procession. At the end of the procession, a box full of food was given to the students by the local panchayat. There were cakes and sweets in that box. Bottles of cold drinks are also offered.

So far so good. The problem occurred after eating. Many students feel sick after eating. Someone starts to get a stomach ache. Some people feel nauseous. At least 64 students fell ill within a short time. No one understood why the children got sick. One by one, sick children were taken to the Barshul Health Centre. The rest were

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taken to Burdwan Medical College Hospital. All are being processed there for now. Kaustav Naik, head of children's department at Burdwan Medical College and Hospital, said, "Children have fallen ill due to food poisoning. All are stable now. There is no need to be unduly worried."

Parents and school authorities protested in front of Navasta Gram Panchayat in protest against this incident. Panchayat offices were also vandalized. Protesters also blocked local roads. MLA Nishith Malik reached the spot. Excited locals protested around him. The police reached the spot to control the situation. However, the police started arguing with the protesters. Finally, the superiors were forced to lift their sticks and chased the protesters away from the site. School teacher Radhakant Roy and local BJP leader Durjoy Mahatore have been implicated in the vandalism incident. The police arrested the BJP leader.

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