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Title:	300 people fell ill due to food poisoning in district Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh			
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As many as 300 people suffered from food poisoning after consuming food at a feast after death of a man in Jaora town of Ratlam district. The sudden influx of patients since Tuesday morning brought the health department officials on their toes. The victims had taken part in the feast organized in Luhari village after the death of one Gowardhanlal Detwar, a lineman of power-distribution company, on Tuesday morning official sources said. The guests were served with a variety of food including sweets made from mawa, which the officials believe was contaminated.

By evening, people reported nausea, vomiting and loose motions. They were rushed to the nearby primary health care centres and hospitals. The doctors initially struggled to treat patients at the government hospital in Jaora. Many were referred to private hospitals, sources said. Soon after the news spread, senior officials including Ratlam chief medical and health officer Dr Vandana Khare and teams of doctors from hospitals in Alot, Taal and Piploda, rushed to Jaora. Once the wards were full, patients were shifted to all possible locations including the meeting hall. "Though the number of patients was yet to be ascertained, we believe that around 300 people were affected with food poisoning after consuming food at the feast after death," Dr Khare told TOI.

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The number of patients admitted to private hospital was yet not clear. The patients at government medical care centres were administered treatment and were reported out of danger, she said.

Dr Khare claimed it was too early to say what actually caused the food poisoning. "The food and drugs department has collected samples of the food served to the people at the feast. We are awaiting results to ascertain the cause," she said. Meanwhile, many of the patients were discharged after initial treatment.

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