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At least 72 children of several schools and Anganwadi centres of Lipinda Gram Panchayat in Jujumura Block in Sambalpur district fell ill and admitted to hospital after they consumed sweet (Bundi) distributed on the occasion of Independence Day on Monday. Most of the children are out of danger and discharged while around 17 toddlers are under observation in the district headquarters hospital in Sambalpur, official sources said.

District collector Samarth Verma ordered an enquiry in to the matter. "Saving the lives of the children was our primary concern on Monday. I asked for a joint enquiry by Block Development Officer and Chief District Medical Officer on which circumstances contaminated food was distributed among the children. Action will be taken against the guilty," Verma told TOI.

He said, the bundi was distributed in some schools and children took it to home where younger siblings ate it and fell ill. Most of the children were between the age group of 3 to 6 years. The children were first rushed to Jujumura Hospital and later shifted to the district headquarters hospital in Sambalpur.

"Food poisoning is the reason behind children falling ill. They had complaints of vomiting, stomach ache and diarrhoea. However, the condition of the most children is

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out of danger and we have already discharged some elder students. But some younger ones are kept under observation and will be discharged on Wednesday," said Chief District Medical Officer, Kodandadhar Rao.

Sources said, students of at least six villages including Bagdapha, Lipinda, Rangia Tikra and Dhamakata, of Lipinda Gram Panchayat complained of stomach upset after consuming the Bundi distributed in village schools. Block Development Officer of Jujumura, Rajesh Agrawal said, "We are yet to ascertain whether the Bundi was distributed by the Gram Panchayat officials or the schools."

In another incident, 18 school children of Tumbapadi Nodal ME School in Bhadrak district fell ill after consuming food at the school on the occasion of Independence Day on Monday. They were admitted to Bhadrak District Headquarters Hospital and are out of danger, sources said.

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