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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dead lizard in midday meal: 60 students fall sick in district Erode, Tamil Nadu</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Erode, SSU-Tamil Nadu			

As many as 60 students of a government middle school in Athiyur panchayat in Sathyamangalam taluk, Erode district, were admitted to a government hospital in Sathyamangalam when they fell ill after lunch. The students started complaining of dizziness vomiting and abdominal pain. The students, aged between 11 and 14 years, were administered medicines in the hospital.

"The midday workers served us vegetable sambar with rice for lunch around 12.30pm. About 60 out of 86 students fell sick after eating the food," said the middle school teacher, on condition of anonymity. The teacher further said that they had noticed a dead lizard in the sambar bucket. They also found flies in the food. The sick students were rushed to Sathyamangalam taluk government hospital for treatment, where they were treated as out-patients. According to the teachers, the students' health condition stabilised after treatment.

Meanwhile, parents of the sick children protested at the school. They alleged that the school did not provide the children with hygienic food. School authorities said they would take action against those found guilty of negligence in providing clean, healthy food to the children. District education department officials and Sathyamangalam police rushed to the hospital to probe the matter.

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