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Altogether 17 students of a government-run middle school in the Steel City fell ill after a lizard was found in the mid-day meal (MDM) on Monday. The students of Arya Vedik Madhya Vidyalaya in Kasidih in Sakchi started feeling uneasy and complained of stomach pain after eating the food served to them and had to be rushed to the MGM hospital. Out of the 17 students who were taken to hospital, 11 were discharged following primary medical treatment while the remaining six were admitted to the hospital's paediatric ward. Principal of the school A K Singh said, "When the food was served, one of the students spotted a lizard on his plate following which, the matter was brought to the notice of the school officials.

Students complained of health problems and were taken to the government hospital. The district education department too has been informed." District education superintendent B B Singh said a detailed probe will be conducted to identify the lapses that led to the incident. No senior official at the centralised kitchen was available for comment but the kitchen staff said they practise total cleanliness and sanitation in the kitchen. A staff members at the centralised kitchen said, "Improper ways of keeping the food in the school might have caused the lizard to fall in the meal."

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