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Title:	Twenty-two students fell ill due to food poisoning in district Dindigul, Tamil Nadu			
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Twenty-two students of Mother Terasa Women's University in Kodaikanal, who are staying in a state government-run hostel, were hospitalised on Monday with vomiting and diarrhoea after they ate tomato rice.

"The students had vomiting and diarrhoea, when they came here. After treatment, 10 students were discharged in the evening. The remaining 12 are safe and they will be discharged on Tuesday," Kodaikanal GH chief medical officer R Balaji told TOI.

The students say they have been demanding better facilities and quality food, but no action has been taken by the government's backward class welfare department that runs the hostel.

Mother Terasa Women's University was set up by former chief minister MGR to cater to the education needs of rural women. It is situated at Attuvampatti village, 10 km from Kodaikanal. The university also runs a college on its campus. A total of 850 students belonging to various districts, including Theni, Madurai, and Dharmapuri, study there. Of them, more than 100 students are staying in the hostel functioning on the campus.

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College principal TMS Chandramani Jebamani told TOI, "136 students are staying in the hostel. Tomato rice was served on Sunday evening. The ones who fell ill were those who did not take food on Monday morning. If the food was said to be the reason for the illness, other students too would have suffered."

But the students differed. "It is said the permitted student strength of the hostel is 50. Based on this there is one cook. But many more students have been accommodated in it. Besides, the hostel warden did not stay in the hostel. She comes only once in a week. And the cook heats the rice that is cooked in the morning and makes it as tomato rice or some other dish in the evening," said a student.

"Two months ago, we staged protest demanding proper food, water facility etc., during which the revenue authorities and police officials who urged us to call off protest promised action. Based on their promise we relented. But the authorities have failed to fulfill their promise. Nothing has changed," said a student.

"It is the authority which should redress the grievances. Our vice chancellor took the issue to the notice of the authority. We wanted them to limit the inmates' strength to 100, which will help to some extent. But no action was taken," said registrar N Kala.

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