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Title:	Food poisoning: Girl dies, 75 ill in Bhandara district, Maharashtra			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Bhandara, SSU-Maharashtra			

A 12-year-old girl died of suspected food poisoning after consuming panipuri and noodles at a weekly market in Bhendala village of Paoni taluka in Bhandara district, while 75 others have taken ill.

According to sources, several villagers visited the weekly market on Sunday (March 14) to stock essentials and many among them had panipuri and Chinese food at roadside stalls there.

12-year-old Dnyaneshwari (Rakhi) had accompanied her father Ramdas Satibawne and others in the family to the market where they too ate panipuri and noodles.

On Monday afternoon, Dnyaneshwari started vomiting. At first, the family tried home remedy to treat the girl. As her condition started deteriorating, Ramdas decided to take his daughter to Paoni for treatment. However, the girl breathed her last even before they could reach Paoni.

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Meanwhile, nearly 75 others in the village from different age groups also complained of vomiting, fever, abdominal pain and diarrhoea. As reports about suspected mass food poisoning reached health department authorities, a team under district health officer Dr Prashant Uike and civil surgeon Dr Riyaz Farukhi reached the village and started making arrangements for patient care.

Around 30 patients were rushed to Paoni rural health centre, while others were accommodated in a makeshift arrangement at Bhendala gram panchayat office.

Dr Farukhi said most villagers are suffering from vomiting and stomach ache.

Doctors at Paoni and Bhendala told TOI that most of the patients have very mild food poisoning symptoms. "The girl who died on Tuesday morning was severely dehydrated. She was vomiting since Monday and had become very weak. She died on way to the hospital," said a doctor over phone.

"Around 75 villagers are under treatment. I have directed officials to take samples of the food being sold at the stalls. Tests in laboratory will make everything clear," said Bhandara collector Sandip Kadam, who visited the village on Tuesday.

Bhandara district administration has taken serious note of the incident. This is second serious incident of health hazard in the district this year. In January, 10 newborns had died in NICU fire due to short-circuit at the Bhandara District General Hospital.

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