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Title:	40 ill after eating canteen food in district Dhar, Madhya Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Dhar, SSU-Madhya Pradesh			

About 40 employees of a factory fell ill after they ate food at their factory canteen on Sunday evening. Following complaints of stomach ache followed by repeated vomiting, they were rushed to a hospital.

As per sources, pesticides had been added to dal to protect it from insects and pests. However, when the cook took the dal, he didn't wash the cereal properly and traces of the pesticide remained in it while it was cooked. This led to food poisoning.

The night shift workers of L&T ECC factory situated in sector-3 of Pithampur industrial area were having their dinner at the factory canteen at about 7.30 on Sunday evening. When the canteen staff noticed a large number of workers vomiting, they reported the matter to the factory management, after which about 40 of them were rushed to a private hospital in Pithampur.

Since condition of 30 was serious, they were referred to Unique Hospital in Indore while rest are being treated in Pithampur. Out of the patients who were referred to Indore, three were shifted to ICU due to their serious condition. Vijay Prajapat and Dharmendra who were admitted in the ICU told TOI that they were eating rice with dal when one of the workers found a pesticide tablet in the dal. By that time, the workers had almost finished their dinner and they started falling ill.

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Factory manager SR Singh confirmed the incident and said that the company management is conducting an internal investigation into the issue after which it will be clear that who was responsible for the food poisoning.

Meanwhile, a team of health department reached the factory on Monday to take stock of the situation and to investigate the lapses that resulted in the incident. Their report is likely to come in two days.

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