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**Press Release**

**Chandigarh, August 30:-** Continuing the drive to check the sale of cut fruits, the conditions of preparation, storage and hygiene of food items in sweet shops, dairy shops and restaurants across the city, a team of officers led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, Capt. P. S. Shergill today checked the sweet shops and eateries in Sector 34, Chandigarh. The team was comprised of Dr. Satbir Singh, Dr. Rajeev Khaneja, Mr. Sukhwinder Singh and Mr. Bharat Kanojia, Food Inspectors.

A complaint was received by Capt. P. S. Shergill from Sh. Balbir Singh, R/o H. No. 2400, Phase 10, Mohali, Punjab against M/s Maa Durga Sweets, Booth No.45, Sector 34, Chandigarh. The complainant alleged that he had purchased 21 boxes of ladoos from M/s Maa Durga Sweets, which were found to be fungus infected when opened. He had brought all the boxes of fungus infected ladoos to the concerned sweet shop. The medical team found the ladoos to be actually fungus infected. The sweets stored in the shop were inspected thoroughly and it was found that other sweets lying there were also fungus infected and unfit for human consumption.

The team took two samples of fungus infected motichur ladoos and dilbahar sweets which were sent to the lab for testing. M/s Maa Durga Sweets, Booth No. 45, Sector 34, Chandigarh was challaned also. Nearly 60 kgs of sweets were destroyed under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 as these were found to be unfit for human consumption. The team also inspected another Chinese food eatery nearby and found the preparation of fast food being done under unhygienic conditions. The vegetables and noodles being kept under unhygienic conditions were also destroyed on the spot.

The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Brijendra Singh, on behalf of the Chandigarh Administration has warned all the owners of sweets shops, bakeries, restaurants, hotels, dairies and other eateries not to play with the lives of the citizens of Chandigarh by selling such unhygienic and contaminated food items. Otherwise most stringent actions as per law would be taken against the preparators of such heinous acts. He has also appealed to the people of Chandigarh to be extremely cautious while purchasing the food items from the markets.