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‘Comply with food safety norms’

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In order to make hoteliers comply with the safety guidelines under “Tandarust Punjab” mission and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India guidelines, the health department is sending messages to the owners on daily basis on their phones.

District Health Officer Dr Lakhbir Singh Baghowalia, the brain behind the idea, said, “We send a message every morning in which we remind them about how many days are left to comply with the instructions.”

Earlier, the department in a meeting chaired by deputy commissioner and attended by hoteliers asked them to comply with the food safety guidelines within seven days.

“The purpose is to keep reminding the hotel owners about the instructions so that they cannot excuse themselves from the liability later,” said Baghowalia.

“Under the mission, ensuring sale of hygienic food is one of the foremost targets. The hoteliers should also consider it as their ethical and moral duty to ensure good quality food is served to the customers as playing with someone’s health for a little money is immoral,” he added.