Trichy: Food safety department officials have served showcause notice to a non-vegetarian hotel in Thanjavur on charges of serving stale food to customers. The matter came to light on Tuesday when the Thanjavur revenue divisional officer (RDO) alerted the department after she was served food unfit for consumption at the hotel.

According to food safety officials, RDO Velumani had gone to the hotel located in Arulananthar Nagar and ordered paneer butter masala. When the food was served, she noticed that it was stale. However, when she complained about it to the hotel employees, they denied it. The revenue officer called up district food safety officer Pushparajan, who in turn sent his staff to the hotel. When they examined the dish, they confirmed that the complaint was genuine. However, they found the other dishes kept for serving alright.