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Sub: F&WLD - Outbreak of Avian Influenza - measures to prevent
spread into wild animals and birds - reg.

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The State is witnessing an outbreak of Avian Influenza at Kozhikkode and there are many reports of unnatural death of birds from other parts of the State too. In this context, the following measures are to be complied with for the prevention of spread of Avian Influenza.

1. All field officers shall report any unnatural behaviour or inactiveness or unnatural death of wild birds/animals to concerned Divisional Forest Officer and to Chief Forest Veterinary Officer/Forest Veterinary Officer/Assistant Forest Veterinary Officer and District Animal Husbandry Officer.
2. Expert opinion of Chief Forest Veterinary Officer/Assistant Forest Veterinary Officer/Veterinary Officer in charge of the District may be taken for a preliminary understanding.
3. While dealing with the dead birds/animals proper protective gear like gloves/mask etc should be used.
4. Samples of suspected dead birds/animals shall be sent to authorized laboratories/facilities for screening in sealed plastic bags, under the guidance of the veterinary doctor conducting the postmortem examination.
5. Advisories from various agencies of the State Government shall also be complied in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden.

Copy to: 1. All Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife & Territorial)

2. All Divisional Forest Officers/Wildlife Wardens/Deputy Directors.
3. All Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry)
4. All Divisional Forest Officers (Flying Squad)
5. The Chief Conservator of Forests (IT) for publishing in the official website.
6. The Director, Forestry Information Bureau for information.
7. All Veterinary Doctors of Kerala Forest Department.
8. The Chief Disease Investigation Officer, State Institute for Animal Diseases, Department of Animal Husbandry, Palode.