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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rajasthan: 900 birds dead in 4 days under mysterious circumstances</b>			
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In a most curious series of affairs, almost a thousand birds of the same species have died in the last four days, about a 100 kilometres from here. Officials on Wednesday confirmed that an unknown disease is causing the deaths of Ring Dove birds in the Nosar village.

The case came to light after locals noticed the dead bodies of hundreds of birds on their fields, reported The Hindustan Times. Astonished locals then reached out to the district administration which directed a team from the animal husbandry department to visit the village and probe the deaths on Tuesday. Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry department, Dr Dashrath Singh told the national daily that the dead birds have now been buried in the soil to curb the spread of any infections. Veterinarians who visited the village to examine the evidence termed 'food poisoning' as the cause of death based on a post-mortem examination. Samples have been sent to a laboratory in Jaipur in order to confirm the cause of death.

Officials from the animal husbandry department also administered injections to a number of sick birds on Tuesday. However, more dead birds were discovered by locals

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on Wednesday. Sarpanch of the Nosar village, Bhairun Singh while speaking to the media said, "Immediate disposal is necessary so that no disease spreads."

Meanwhile, Dr Surendra Chaudhary, Chief Medical and Health Officer asserted that an illness cannot account for the deaths of birds of the same species in such large numbers. Eating poisonous granules may have resulted in the deaths, he said adding, "Villagers have been advised to undergo a screening in case of fever or shortness of breath." Not far from Jodhpur, about sixteen Chinkaras were found dead in the Bhadaria village in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district on Wednesday. A protected animal, the Chinkaras reportedly died due to thirst and hunger.

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