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| <b>Title:</b>             | <b>Monkey deaths spark scare in Goa</b> |                |            |   |
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The mysterious death of four monkeys in a day at Morjim, Arambol and Torsem in Pernem taluka has sparked a scare among people in these areas. Authorities have dispatched samples of the dead monkeys to Pune to ascertain whether they were infected with Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD).

Sources said that the four monkeys, one in Morjim and Arambol and two at Torsem, were found dead on Tuesday. Former Morjim sarpanch, Vaishali Shetgaonkar and locals intimated the state forest department about the deaths.

Vilas Gawas, Range forest officer, Pernem informed that veterinary doctors have collected viscera samples of the dead monkeys and have been sent to Pune for analysis. He informed that the reports will be received in 15 days, which will throw more light on the exact cause of the deaths. Gawas also informed that the deaths of two monkeys in Torsem was due to electrocution as they were caught in high tension power cables near the electricity transformer.

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Locals who assisted in the disposal of the monkeys have lamented that officials of the forest department who rushed to attend their call were ill-equipped and not provided with adequate safety equipment, thus making them susceptible to diseases.

Also, a dead monkey was found in Shigao Collem on Monday. However, the health department has appealed to the people not to panic, stating that KFD outbreak cannot occur before November.

Sources said that in March, 13 monkeys were found dead in the Maharashtra bordering villages of Torsem, Mopa and Patradevi. After two of the dead monkeys were found positive for KFD, the health department had commenced preventive vaccination drive in the villages of Pernem bordering Maharashtra. During that time in Banda, about 90 people suffered from monkey fever, and 34 were infected with the disease, while four people have died allegedly owing to KFD.

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