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3743	04/11/2016	04/11/2016	Hisar Haryana	www.timesofindia.com/English http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Duck-deaths-at-Hisar-Tests-confirm-first-avian-flu-case/articleshow/55236262.cms
Title:	Duck deaths at Hisar -Haryana : tests confirm first avian flu case			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Hisar, SSU-Haryana			

The incidence of avian flu of the strain, H5N8, has been confirmed in the mortality of domesticated ducks that perished at the Blue Bird Tourist Complex in Hisar, Haryana, on Tuesday and Wednesday after the samples were subjected to isolation and other advanced tests at National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal.

A senior official of the NIHSAD told TOI that this strain is the one which has been detected in all the confirmed flu cases in Punjab's Rajpura, Delhi, Gwalior and Kerala this season. "We have faxed and emailed Additional Chief Secretary and Director-General of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of Haryana, so that measures to contain the disease can be taken at the earliest," NIH SAD official added. The dead birds at the tourist complex were detected as part of the intensive surveillance launched by department keeping in mind the large number of wetlands and migratory birds visiting Haryana in autumn and winter.

Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana, Rajni Sekhri Sibal, confirmed the NIHSAD report and told TOI: "We have alerted the Hisar DC and our department officials so that the counter-measures can be initiated at the earliest so that the outbreak is contained.

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The cull of domesticated birds (poultry) will be undertaken within a radius of a kilometre of the pond where the birds died. The workers who will carry out the cull will first be administered the required medication to guard against the flu. However, this particular strain of the flu is less pathogenic and the public need not panic." The Hisar samples had earlier been sent to the Jalandhar-based Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RDDL) for preliminary tests. The RDDL had forwarded the samples to Bhopal for the advanced tests.

The confirmation of bird flu from Hisar means that in all three cases of this disease from the region - Sukhna lake, Rajpura and Hisar - the birds affected are domesticated geese. RRDL head Dr Vinay Mohan had told TOI that domesticated ducks geese are more prone to bird flu.

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