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Title:	Following flu alert, over 600 birds culled in Ballari district, Karnataka			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Ballari, SSU-Karnataka			

The animal husbandry department in Ballari on Saturday culled 500 poultry birds and 193 other birds to prevent bird flu in Itagi village of Hosapete taluk. This follows a directive from the Union agriculture ministry. Though the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that Avian Influenza virus H5N8, also known as bird flu, is considered less of a risk of being transmitted to humans, people panicked about it. Dr Parameshwar Naik, deputy director, animal husbandry department, Ballari, said 693 birds were destroyed scientifically on Friday and none was found with bird flu. "We ensured that no bird is alive in a 1-km radius of Itagi village. We deployed a team of five officials, including a doctor, in the village to monitor the situation. All chicken shops in the village are closed," he said.

Four checkpoints set up- He added, "Four checkpoints have been set up around Itagi to prevent the spread of bird flu. As per the Ballari deputy commissioner's order, our staff has been instructed not to allow movement of any vehicle carrying poultry material or any bird. We sprinkled a disinfectant solution at poultry sheds and in the whole village to destroy the virus and have taken sanitation measures on a war footing. We're also creating awareness among villagers and many are responding positively by destroying the birds voluntarily."

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