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Title:	Three peacocks found dead, samples sent for bird flu test in district Mohali, Punjab			
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The recovery of three peacock carcasses near fields at Ramgarh Daun village has put Forest Department officials on alert here.

The reason behind the officials' anxiety is stated to be the suspected death of the birds, two peahens and a peacock, due to avian influenza or bird flu.

Taking no chances, the officials, who reached the spot and seized the carcasses, sent samples to the Regional Detection Centre, a government laboratory, at Jalandhar for forensic examination.

Confirming the development, District Forest Officer Harbhajan Singh said some deaths of birds had been reported due to bird flu in the North India recently.

"We have sent the samples for bird flu tests to Jalandhar," said the DFO.

While Harbhajan Singh said only three carcasses had been recovered, residents of the area claimed that nearly 20 birds had died.

The officials also collected samples of the soil of nearby fields to ascertain whether some insecticide or pesticide sprayed there could be behind the birds' death.

"The birds seemed to have died in the past two days," said the DFO. Some residents informed the authorities about the deaths yesterday. The Forest Department has registered a case under Section 9 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, in this connection.

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