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To,

**The Chief Wildlife Warden(s),  
All Tiger Range States.**

**Sub: Advisory on Avian Influenza - reg.**

Sir,

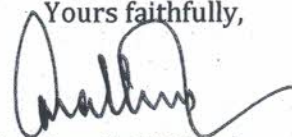
Reference is invited to the subject cited above. In this context, I am directed to bring to your kind notice, the recent avian deaths due to Avian Influenza virus in the country.

As advised by the Office des International Epizooties (OIE), early detection and warning are keys to effectively dealing with the disease, which necessitates stepping up animal health surveillance in and around tiger reserves. This shall involve observation and documentation of any avian illness and mortality and reporting the same to the nearest Veterinary Health establishment.

Frontline staff dealing with sick and/or dead birds or their parts should exercise due precaution owing to the diseases' public health importance. Protective clothing like gloves, boots and masks are highly advisable.

In view of the migratory bird season, it is important to conduct a stakeholder meeting at tiger reserve level involving State Veterinary health officials to contain the disease if detected.

Yours faithfully,



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**Assistant Inspector General (NTCA)**

**Copy to:** The Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum, New Delhi, in view of migratory birds of the East Asia / Australian flyway.

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