

PRESS RELEASE

1. On 20th January, 2008, the Government in the Animal Resources Development Department has further declared the following areas and the areas surrounded by them from its boundary to be an eradication area.

District	Block/ Municipality	G.P./ Ward/ Village	Eradication area
Bardhaman	Jamuria Block	Hijalgora G.P	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Ward No. 22 of Jamuria Municipality	Pariharpur	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Amrasota Gram Panchayat of Raniganj Block	Bansra-Majhipara & Sunripara villages	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Ward No. 33 of Asansol Municipal Corporation	Girmint, Kakhoyan and Bangapara	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Palita G.P. of Ketugram - I Block	Katari village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci

2. All the poultry birds will be eliminated and destroyed in accordance with the norms laid down by the Government of India in this regard and all poultry products including manures and feed will be destroyed in the affected areas.

3. Movement of poultry products including feed and manures is prohibited into, and out of or within the eradication area.

4. Upto the 19th January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 19-01-2008

SL. NO.	ACTIVITIES	DISTRICTS				
		BIRBHUM	DAKSHN DINAJPUR	NADIA	MURSHI-DABAD	TOTAL
1)	Deployment of RRT					
	a) For Culling	58	33	15	16	122
	b) For surveillance	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL (1)	60	33	15	16	124
2)	Culling of birds					
	a) Upto 18-01-2008	52483	33149	0	0	85632
	b) On 19-01-2008	14083	21870	113	323	36389
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	66566	55019	113	323	122021
3)	No. of eggs destroyed					
	a) Upto 18-01-2008	5472	53494	0	0	58966
	b) On 19-01-2008	2544	7442	0	20	10006
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	8016	60936	0	20	68972
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)					
	a) Upto 18-01-2008	1102.05	409.00	0.00	0.00	1511.05
	b) On 19-01-2008	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed	1227.05	409.00	0.00	0.00	1636.05

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

The unusual mortality on 19th January was 2238 against 96016 deaths upto 18-01-2008. The mortality figures for the day and the cumulative total is as under.

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 18-01-2008	On 19-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	72297	16	72313
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1465	45	1510
3)	Murshidabad	10441	1753	12194
4)	Nadia	1050	7	1057
5)	South 24 Parganas *	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9175	417	9592
7)	Bankura	400	0	400
TOTAL (B)		96016	2238	98254

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 20-01-2008

In response to the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza in five districts (Birbhum, Murshidabad, Nadia, Dakshin Dinajpur and Burdwan)) in West Bengal, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal has taken the following measures : -

(1) Human fever surveillance in the community of the affected areas (2) Clinical examination of the cullers and giving them appropriate chemprophylaxis (Tamiflu) (3) Setting up of isolation / observation wards at the identified nodal health facilities and equipping them adequately for any eventuality and (4) Dissemination of essential messages to the community through various media.

Till now 1.94 lakh of population has been surveyed in the affected districts mentioned above to find out whether they are suffering from any type of fever and respiratory systems. No suspected case of Avian Influenza has been reported yet.

The cullers working at different districts are being examined by our medical teams both at the start and the end of the daily operation and the activities are going on as a routine procedure. As on 19-01-2008, 124 teams of Animal Resources Development Department have been examined and administered prophylaxis (Tamiflu).

Isolation/ observation wards at identified health facilities have been set up in all the affected districts and they have been equipped. Further reinforcement of the logistics of these facilities is under process. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified as apex referral hospital for this purpose.

Many of the districts have prepared leaflets to disseminate essential messages relating to Avian Influenza. Community has been informed using budspeakers and through interpersonal communication by the health workers during survey activity. Moreover, at the State level and initiative has been taken to print and circulate leaflets and posters, and to give TV clippings/ radio spots. Furthermore, a recorded message is under preparation which will be circulated throughout the affected areas using loudspeakers. All the IEC materials, guidelines, forms and protocols and important documents related to Avian Influenza have been made available to the community at the website : www.wbhealth.gov.in .

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