

## PRESS RELEASE

1. As on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci ; -

District	Block/ Municipality	G.P./ Ward/ Village
Coochbehar	Dinhata - I Block	Jaridahala village
Hooghly	Balagar Block	Gopalpur village

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

### A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 22-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS						
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Bankura	Total
<b>1)</b>	<b>Deployment of RRT</b>							
a)	For Culling	135	0	156	77	79	15	462
b)	For surveillance	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
	<b>TOTAL RRT</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Culling of birds</b>							
a)	Upto 21-01-2008	117736	79437	6522	18101	34575	0	256371
b)	On 22-01-2008	63691	0	22331	29882	56330	800	173034
	<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>	<b>181427</b>	<b>79437</b>	<b>28853</b>	<b>47983</b>	<b>90905</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>429405</b>
<b>3)</b>	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>							
a)	Upto 21-01-2008	19603	65384	1095	233	3188	0	89503
b)	On 22-01-2008	12695	1048	7	598	2556	121	17025
	<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>	<b>32298</b>	<b>66432</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>5744</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>106528</b>
<b>4)</b>	<b>Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>							
a)	Upto 21-01-2008	1309.50	421.00	0.00	11.00	105.00	0.00	1846.50
b)	On 22-01-2008	1919.50	1560.00	0.00	0.00	1807.50	0.00	5287.00
	<b>Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>	<b>3229.00</b>	<b>1981.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>1912.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7133.50</b>

### B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 21-01-2008	On 22-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	77888	0	77888
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1525	0	1525
3)	Murshidabad	20803	2025	22828
4)	Nadia	1670	2	1672
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	400	380	780
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>113066</b>	<b>2407</b>	<b>115473</b>

### Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 22-01-2008

As on 22-01-2008, a total of 30 Blocks and 4 (four) Municipalities of seven districts of the State have been affected by Avian Influenza. Since 13-01-2008, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal is engaged in conducting community surveillance for any human infection among population at risk and rendering support to ARD Department through medical examination of the cullers.

**A. Disease surveillance at community level**

1. On date, 265 medical teams surveyed 3.94 lakh population in the affected districts.
2. A total of 1,857 cases of fever have been found in the survey. However, none of those corroborates with clinical presentation of Avian Influenza.
3. Five samples collected randomly from at risk community in Dakshin Dinajpur district by NICD teams tested negative for the disease.
4. The Rapid Response Teams of Government of West Bengal and Government of India are actively involved in this activity and keeping a close vigil.
5. Till date, no suspected case of human Avian Influenza has been detected.

**B. Surveillance of the cullers and health personnel**

1. On date, a total of 2,756 cullers comprising 468 teams have been medically examined and given chemprophylaxis (Tamiflu).
2. A total of 1,459 health personnel deployed in the fields have also been examined.
3. department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.

**C. Preparation for management of human Avian Influenza cases, if any**

1. Isolation/ observation wards have been set at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
2. 14 ventilators have already been placed and installed at those facilities along with other equipments.
3. Department has also directed the district health authorities of hitherto unaffected districts to identify health facilities where isolation wards can be opened, if necessary, equip them with essential amenities and make necessary human resource planning.
4. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified as apex referral hospital.
5. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs, PPE and other logistics to combat eventuality occurred, if any.

**D. Dissemination of information and measures related to Avian Influenza**

1. The sensitization / training of the health personnel on Avian Influenza and its surveillance is going on simultaneously at all affected and hitherto unaffected districts. State Resource Centre is also giving inputs to the State headquarter.
2. Many districts have prepared leaflets regarding the do's/ don'ts on Bird Flu and distributed throughout the community at risk.
3. Health personnel, during their survey activity, are interpersonally communicating with the community to bring out essential behaviour changes.
4. Department has printed leaflets and handbills and sent those to the districts for distribution among community. UNICEF has rendered support to this activity.
5. Compact discs and cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts with explicit direction to play those at important sites through loudspeakers.
6. Compact discs containing TV clippings and a short film have been sent to the districts with direction to use them through local cable channels.
7. Department is bringing out public messages in prominent news dailies in Bengali, English, Hindi and Urdu.
8. Government of India and Government of West Bengal are disseminating messages on Bird Flu through Doordarshan and other TV channels.
9. 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](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) .

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