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As on 25<sup>th</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
Purulia	Santuri Block	Ramchandrapur village
Howrah	Sankrail Block	Nalpur-Majidpara village
Murshidabad	Kandi Block	Bagacharsa village
	Beldanga-II	Junarapara village
Birbhum	Mayureswar-II Block	Akuni, Mayureswar Thanapara villages
	Khoyrasole Block	Barhra 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

### A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 24-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS									
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Coochbehar	Malda	Howrah	Bankura	TOTAL
1)	<b>Deployment of RRT</b>										
	a) For Culling	200	0	231	272	130		40		20	893
	b) For surveillance	0	8	0	0	0		0		0	8
	<b>TOTAL RRT</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>901</b>
2)	<b>Culling of birds</b>										
	a) Upto 23-01-2008	267091	79437	70068	88611	154804		0		5622	665633
	b) On 24-01-2008	128793	0	83081	106181	22548		359		4979	345941
	<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>	<b>395884</b>	<b>79437</b>	<b>153149</b>	<b>194792</b>	<b>177352</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10601</b>	<b>1011574</b>
3)	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>										
	a) Upto 23-01-2008	45381	66432	1102	2291	17134		0		840	133180
	b) On 24-01-2008	12022	0	0	517	0		55		498	13092
	<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>	<b>57403</b>	<b>66432</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>2808</b>	<b>17134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>146272</b>
4)	<b>Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>										
	a) Upto 23-01-2008	5197.50	3181.00	0.00	285.00	2212.50				3.00	10879.00
	b) On 24-01-2008	3035.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00				51.00	3286.00
	<b>Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>	<b>8232.50</b>	<b>3181.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>	<b>2212.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>54.00</b>	<b>14165.00</b>

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

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 23-01-2008	On 24-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	77888	0	77888
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	24693	0	24693
4)	Nadia	1672	0	1672
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>117463</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117463</b>

**Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 25-01-2008**

As on 24-01-2008, a total of 32 Blocks and 4 (four) Municipalities of nine districts (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbehar, Bankura and Hooghly) 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 monitoring and surveillance and is rendering medical support to ARD Department in culling activities.

**A. Disease surveillance at community level**

1. On date, medical teams surveyed 8.31 lakh people in the affected districts.
2. A total of 3,032 cases of fever have been found in the survey. However, none of those corroborates with clinical presentation of Avian Influenza.
3. Till date, 17 Biological Samples have been collected by NICD Teams – Dakshin Dinajpur – 07, Murshidabad – 02 and Birbhum – 08 to detect any possible infection. Reports of two samples of Dakshin Dinajpur are yet to come. Rest 15 samples 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 4,728 cullers comprising 901 teams (893 engaged in culling and 08 in surveillance) have been medically examined and given chemprophylaxis (Tamiflu).
2. A total of 1,919 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 any eventuality.
6. Daily coordination meetings are being held at the State and district headquarters.

**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 major TV channels and also through All India Radio and FM Band.
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).
10. Department is also sending all the various IEC materials to up till now unaffected districts to keep them prepared in advance.