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As on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, the Government of West Bengal in the Animal Resources Development Department has not declared any further area to be an eradication area.

### A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 25-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS										
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	Murshidabad	Burdwan *	Coochbehar	Malda	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	TOTAL
<b>1)</b>	<b>Deployment of RRT</b>											
	a) For Culling	201	0	200	338	62	50	40	0	20	32	943
	b) For surveillance	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
	c) For Disinfectants	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	<b>TOTAL RRT</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Culling of birds</b>											
	a) Upto 24-01-2008	395884	79437	153149	194792	163453	0	359	0	10601	4000	1001675
	b) On 25-01-2008	111083	0	27397	106101	5584	3698	4765	0	0	8155	266783
	<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>	<b>506967</b>	<b>79437</b>	<b>180546</b>	<b>300893</b>	<b>169037</b>	<b>3698</b>	<b>5124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10601</b>	<b>12155</b>	<b>1268458</b>
<b>3)</b>	<b>Mopping of birds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>4)</b>	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>											
	a) Upto 24-01-2008	57403	66432	1102	2808	17134	0	55	0	1338	0	146272
	b) On 25-01-2008	10515	0	10942	2500	0	746	410	0	0	771	25884
	<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>	<b>67918</b>	<b>66432</b>	<b>12044</b>	<b>5308</b>	<b>17134</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>172156</b>
<b>5)</b>	<b>Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>											
	a) Upto 24-01-2008	8232.50	3181.00	-	485.00	2212.50	-	-	-	54.00	180.00	14345.00
	b) On 25-01-2008	110.00	-	6020.00	141.50	-	-	-	-	-	380.00	6651.50
	<b>Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>	<b>8342.50</b>	<b>3181.00</b>	<b>6020.00</b>	<b>626.50</b>	<b>2212.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>	<b>20996.50</b>

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

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 24-01-2008	On 25-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	77888	2840	80728
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	24693	1947	26640
4)	Nadia	1672	7	1679
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	263	25	288
9)	Malda	0	42	42
10)	Coochbehar	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>117726</b>	<b>4861</b>	<b>122587</b>

**Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 26-01-2008**

As on 25-01-2008, a total of 37 Blocks and 4 (four) Municipalities of 11 districts (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbehar, Bankura, Hooghly, Purulia and Howrah) of the State have been affected by Avian Influenza. Small area of Uttar Dinajpur district adjoining to affected area of Chanchol-I, Malda and small area of North 24 Parganas district adjoining to Haringhata, Nadia also fall within 5 Km radius of the aforementioned affected areas and so have been brought under surveillance. 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 team surveyed 12.1 lakh people in the affected districts.
2. A total of 2,692 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. All 17 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. A total of 5,274 cullers comprising 969 teams (943 engaged in culling, 18 in surveillance and 08 in disinfection) have been medically examined and given chemprophylaxis (Tamiflu).
2. A total of 2,687 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. 15 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, posters and handbills and sent those to the districts for distribution among community. UNICEF has rendered support to this activity. 07 lakh leaflets have already been distributed and 08 lakh in the process of distribution. Posters prepared by UNICEF have already been distributed. Further, 1.5 lakh posters are in the process of distribution. Master Compact discs and 2000 cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts with explicit direction to play those at important sites through loudspeakers.
5. 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 leading six Bengali, two English, Two Hindi and Two Urdu news dailies.
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.

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