

PRESS RELEASE

(a) As on 27th 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	Gram Panchayat	Ward/ Village
South 24 Parganas	Budge-Budge-II Block	Kashipur-Alampur	Mallickpara
Paschim Medinipur	Debra Block	Snarpur-Lowada	Chak Bencha
Birbhum	Mayureswar-I Block	Dakshingram	Sibagram
Coochbehar	Mathabhanga-I	Kurshamari	Dighirpur
Murshidabad	Shamsirganj	Bhasaipaikar	Sahabnagar

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.

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 26-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS											TOTAL
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia + North 24 Pgs	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Coochbehar	Malda + Uttar Dinajpur	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	
1)	Deployment of RRT												
	a) For Culling	177	0	224	319	0	55	54	73	0	47	10	959
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	0	2	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	7	0	55
	TOTAL RRT	177	2	224	319	46	55	54	73	0	54	10	1014
2)	Target of culling of birds	750912	80000	394095	912031	230500	105000	35000	75000	11000	35000	3302	2631840
3)	Culling of birds												
	a) Upto 25-01-2008	506967	79437	186235	300893	169037	3698	5124	0	10601	12155	0	1274147
	b) On 26-01-2008	93051	503	47908	109140	0	9518	20819	6519	0	11075	2744	301277
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	600018	79940	234143	410033	169037	13216	25943	6519	10601	23230	2744	1575424
3)	No. of eggs destroyed												
	a) Upto 25-01-2008	67918	66432	12044	5308	17134	746	465	0	1338	771	0	172156
	b) On 26-01-2008	6457	65	3515	2112	0	298	2682	14	0	1486	0	16629
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	74375	66497	15559	7420	17134	1044	3147	14	1338	2257	0	188785
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)												
	a) Upto 25-01-2008	8342.50	3181.00	6020.00	626.50	2212.50	-	-	-	54.00	560.00	-	20996.50
	b) On 26-01-2008	200.00	-	2000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	590.00	-	2790.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	8542.50	3181.00	8020.00	626.50	2212.50	-	-	-	54.00	1,150.00	-	23786.50

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 25-01-2008	On 26-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80728	21	80749
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	26640	1325	27965
4)	Nadia	1679	0	1679
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	288	0	288
9)	Malda	42	0	42
10)	Coochbehar	0	300	300
11)	Purulia	0	130	130
12)	Howrah	0	235	235
TOTAL (B)		122587	2011	124598

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 27-01-2008

As on 26-01-2008, a total of 38 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.

A. Steps taken to prevent human infection**Disease surveillance at community level**

1. Community level fever surveillance – 15.3 lakh people surveyed on 26-01-2008.
2. Number of fever cases found – 3,651 (0.2%)
3. Biological samples tested for Avian Influenza – 17 (Dakshin Dinajpur – 07, Murshidabad – 02 and Birbhum – 08). All 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.

Surveillance of the cullers and health personnel

1. A total of 3,104 health personnel deployed in the fields have been examined.
2. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.

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.

B. Steps taken to support ARD Department

1. On date, a total of 7,228 cullers comprising 1,014 teams (959 engaged in culling and 55 in surveillance) have been medically examined twice a day, at the start and at the end of culling activity, and given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).

C. Steps taken for dissemination of information and messages to the community

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.
5. 07 lakh leaflets have already been distributed and 08 lakh in the process of distribution.
6. Posters prepared by UNICEF have already been distributed. Further, 1.5 lakh posters are in the process of distribution.
7. 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.
8. Compact discs containing TV clippings and a short film have been sent to the districts with direction to use them through local cable channels.
9. Department is bringing out public messages in leading six Bengali, two English, Two Hindi and Two Urdu news dailies.
10. 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.
11. 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 .
12. Department is also sending all the various IEC materials to up till now unaffected districts to keep them prepared in advance.

DAILY REPORT ON PROGRESS OF WORK IN CONTROL AND CONTAINMENT OF BIRD FLU AS ON 27-01-2008

Progress of work for the 12th day of operation

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION AS ON 27-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS													TOTAL
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1)	Deployment of RRT														
a)	For Culling	244	0	210	244	0	50	54	89	0	24	20	0	0	935
b)	For surveillance/ Mopping	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	10
	TOTAL RRT	244	1	210	244	0	50	54	89	2	31	20	0	0	945
2)	Target of culling of birds	750912	80000	394095	912031	230500	105000	35000	75000	11000	35000	35500	35000	9000	2708038
3)	Culling of birds														
a)	Upto 26-01-2008	600018	79940	234143	410033	169037	13216	25943	6519	10601	23230	2744	0	0	1575424
b)	On 27-01-2008	117132	0	24320	100805	0	14643	28206	58779	33	3785	6897	0	0	354600
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	717150	79940	258463	510838	169037	27859	54149	65298	10634	27015	9641	0	0	1930024
3)	No. of eggs destroyed														
a)	Upto 26-01-2008	74375	66497	15559	7420	17134	1044	3147	14	1338	2257	0	0	0	188785
b)	On 27-01-2008	8237	0	5773	231	0	480	5729	142	0	590	738	0	0	21920
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	82612	66497	21332	7651	17134	1524	8876	156	1338	2847	738	0	0	210705
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)														
a)	Upto 26-01-2008	8542.50	3181.00	8020.00	626.50	2212.50	-	-	-	54.00	1150.00	-	-	-	23786.50
b)	On 27-01-2008	490.00	-	3425.00	20.00	-	-	76.00	8,970.00	-	112.00	-	-	-	13093.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	9032.50	3181.00	11445.00	646.50	2212.50	-	76.00	8,970.00	54.00	1,262.00	-	-	-	36879.50

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 26-01-08	On 27-01-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80749	32	80781
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	27965	650	28615
4)	Nadia	1679	2	1681
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	288	0	288
9)	Malda	42	1	43
10)	Coochbehar	300	0	300
11)	Purulia	130	0	130
12)	Howrah	235	0	235
	TOTAL (B)	124598	685	125283

C) COLLECTION AND DISPATCH OF SAMPLES AS ON 27-01-2008

Sl. No.	Items	Upto 26-01-08	On 27-01-08	Progressive Total
1)	Dead birds	111	4	115
2)	Serum / Blood Sample	189	5	194
3)	Cloacal / Trachial Swab	133	0	133
	TOTAL (C)	433	9	442

* These two districts are starting culling operation from 27-01-2008.

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ARD Department