

PRESS RELEASE

As on 30th 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 29-01-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS														TOTAL
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	North 24 Pgs	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Coochbehar	Malda + Uttar Dinajpur	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	South 24 Pgs	Pasch. Med. + Purba Med.	
1)	Deployment of RRT															
	a) For Culling	56	0	0	2	61	0	19	58	112	0	23	17	35	43	426
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	0	0	125	0	9	15	43	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	204
	TOTAL RRT	56	0	125	2	70	15	62	58	112	2	33	17	35	43	630
2)	Tentative culling Target of birds	902000	80000	262000	208000	703691	169500	105000	96000	139200	11000	35000	35500	35000	65000	2846891
3)	Culling of birds *															
	a) Upto 28-01-2008	793611	79940	261969	8000	557171	169037	43280	70383	115088	10634	29617	21880	4965	2324	2167899
	b) On 29-01-2008	47941	0	0	2717	17791	0	9978	22063	10978	49	4093	4523	1463	33083	154679
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	841552	79940	261969	10717	574962	169037	53258	92446	126066	10683	33710	26403	6428	35407	2322578
3)	No. of eggs destroyed															
	a) Upto 28-01-2008	85380	66497	21332	0	7688	17134	2852	11022	296	1338	3203	1676	21	0	218439
	b) On 29-01-2008	655	0	0	0	0	0	737	3019	544	0	308	538	0	38	5839
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	86035	66497	21332	0	7688	17134	3589	14041	840	1338	3511	2214	21	38	224278
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
	a) Upto 28-01-2008	9032.50	3181.00	11445.00	-	646.50	2212.50	-	76.00	13,140.50	54.00	1279.00	-	-	115.00	41182.00
	b) On 29-01-2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140.00	2,790.00	-	315.00	-	-	215.00	3460.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	9032.50	3181.00	11445.00	0.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	15,930.50	54.00	1,594.00	-	-	330.00	44642.00

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 28-01-08	On 29-01-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80806	0	80806
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	29030	0	29030
4)	Nadia	1681	0	1681
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	288	19	307
9)	Malda	43	0	43
10)	Coochbehar	300	0	300
11)	Purulia	130	0	130
12)	Howrah	235	0	235
13)	North 24 Parganas	4054	374	4428
TOTAL (B)		129777	393	130170

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 30-01-2008

On date, 45 Blocks and 5 (five) Municipalities of 14 districts (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbehar, Bankura, Hooghly, Purulia, Howrah Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas) of the State have been affected by Avian Influenza outbreak. Small area of Uttar Dinajpur district adjoining to affected area of Chanchol-I, Malda, small area of North 24 Parganas district adjoining to Haringhata, Nadia and small area adjoining Debra, Paschim Medinipur 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 – 18.4 lakh people surveyed on 29-01-2008.
2. Number of fever cases found – 4,006 (0.21%)
3. Biological samples tested for Avian Influenza – 18 (Dakshin Dinajpur – 07, Murshidabad – 02, Birbhum – 08 and South 24 Pgs - 01). 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 4,150 health personnel have been deployed in the fields..
2. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.
3. Department has sent adequate quantity of three layered masks, gloves, caps and aprons to the districts for the use of health workers engaged in community surveillance.

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. Till date, 19 ventilators have already been installed at those facilities. A total of 24 pulse-oxymeters are in the process of being installed.
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. All medical colleges have formed medical teams.
6. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs, PPE and other logistics to combat any eventuality.
7. 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 7,497 cullers comprising 630 teams (426 engaged in culling and 204 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 are going on simultaneously at all affected and hitherto unaffected districts. State Resource Centre is also giving inputs to the State headquarter.
2. Health personnel, during their survey activity, are interpersonally communicating with the community to bring out essential behaviour changes.
3. 15 lakh leaflets have already been sent to the districts for distribution in the community.
4. Posters prepared by UNICEF have already been distributed. Further, 1.5 lakh posters prepared by DOHFW have been sent to the districts.
5. 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.
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 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. Department has taken the initiative to print IEC materials in Santhali and Gorkhali languages for distribution among the aforesaid communities in different districts.
10. 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 .
11. 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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