

PRESS RELEASE

- (a) On 2nd February, 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	Ward/ Village
South 24 Parganas	Canning-II	Jibantala

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 01-02-2008

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	66	0	38	62	46	0	22	0	0	0	22	0	56	0	312
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	0	2	0	0	4	13	0	8	0	2	5	3	0	0	37
	TOTAL RRT	66	2	38	62	50	13	22	8	0	2	27	3	56	0	349
2)	Tentative culling Target of birds	902000	80000	262000	140149	703691	169540	105000	96000	139200	11000	35000	35500	35000	65000	2779080
3)	Culling of birds															
	a) Upto 31-01-2008	890280	79940	338498	124161	597981	169037	66139	103290	147937	10683	43150	32728	33826	89190	2726840
	b) On 01-02-2008	72407	0	14485	65888	11285	0	8386	567	0	0	12588	0	30074	0	215680
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	962687	79940	352983	190049	609266	169037	74525	103857	147937	10683	55738	32728	63900	89190	2942520
3)	No. of eggs destroyed															
	a) Upto 31-01-2008	86604	66497	21747	0	7688	17134	5623	16562	1012	1338	3537	3634	21	569	231966
	b) On 01-02-2008	22005	1479	5927	0	0	0	2573	61	0	0	75	0	161	0	32281
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	108609	67976	27674	0	7688	17134	8196	16623	1012	1338	3612	3634	182	569	264247
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
	a) Upto 31-01-2008	9159.50	3181.00	12000.00	13,393.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	17,762.50	54.00	1606.00	-	34.00	545.00	60810.00
	b) On 01-02-2008	6070.00	-	2500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.00	-	-	-	8690.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	15229.50	3181.00	14500.00	13393.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	17,762.50	54.00	1,726.00	-	34.00	545.00	69500.00

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 31-01-08	On 01-02-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80906	86	80992
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	29084	0	29084
4)	Nadia	1683	0	1683
5)	South 24 Parganas	3125	153	3278
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	311	12	323
9)	Malda	43	0	43
10)	Coochbehar	300	0	300
11)	Purulia	130	0	130
12)	Howrah	235	0	235
13)	North 24 Parganas	4535	0	4535
TOTAL (B)		132374	251	132625

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 02-02-2008

(Based on reports on 1.2.08)

Avian influenza outbreak: Situation update

Affected districts: 14 (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbihar, Bankura, Hooghly, Purulia, Hooghly, Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas)

Affected blocks/municipalities: 47 blocks and five municipalities

Parts of non-notified districts within five Km of aforementioned affected areas:

- Small area of Uttar Dinajpur district adjoining to affected area of Chanchal, Malda
- Small area of Purba Medinipur adjoining Debra, Paschim Medinipur

A. Steps taken to prevent human infection:

Community surveillance:

- A total of 27.7 lakh people have been surveyed for fever and upper respiratory infection on 1.2.08.
- Number of fever cases found in the survey was 4468 cases (0.2%), which is within normal limit of fever incidence at this point of season.
- Till date, no suspected case of human Avian Influenza has been detected.

Biological samples tested:

- Till date, biological samples tested for Avian influenza are 20 (Dakshin Dinajpur: 07, Murshidabad: 02, Birbhum: 08, South 24 Parganas: 01, Purba Medinipur: 01 and North 24 Parganas: 01).
- Report of sample collected from North 24 Parganas is yet to come. All other samples tested negative.

Rapid Response Teams (RRT)

- Central and State Rapid Response Teams are engaged in surveillance activities at all the districts.
- Senior State health officers and faculty members of the medical colleges are working at districts.

Surveillance of the health personnel

- On date, medical teams examined a total of 5934 health personnel deployed in the fields.
- Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and personal protective equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.
- 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

- Isolation/observation wards have been set up and equipped at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
- Till date, 09 patients under investigation have been admitted in those facilities, out of which 08 have already been discharged. 01 at Purba Medinipur is still under observation.
- Till date, 20 ventilators have already been installed at those facilities; 03 are under process of being installed. A total of 10 pulse-oxymeters have already been installed; rest 14 are in the process of being installed.
- Department has also directed all district health authorities to identify health facilities where isolation wards can be opened if necessary, equip them with essential amenities and make necessary human resource planning.
- IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified and equipped as apex referral hospital.
- All medical colleges have formed medical teams. Physicians of the medical colleges will be visiting the districts to support the district Rapid Response teams.
- Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs, PPE and other logistics to combat any eventuality.
- Daily coordination meetings are being held at the state and district headquarters.

B. Steps taken to support ARD Department

- On date, a total of 5686 cullers comprising 349 teams (312 engaged in culling, and 37 in surveillance/mopping) have been medically examined twice a day, at the start and at the end of culling activity.
- They were given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).

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

- Health personnel, during their survey activity, are interpersonally communicating with the community to bring out essential behaviour changes.
- 15 lakh leaflets have been distributed to the households of the affected districts by local health personnel.
- 1.75 lakh posters have been displayed at various sites in the affected districts. UNICEF has given support in this regard.
- Master compact discs and 2000 cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts. Reports revealed that the local health authorities are playing those cassettes at important sites in the locality to make the people aware about Bird Flu.
- Local cable channels at the affected districts are engaged in increasing awareness of the community by playing TV clippings and short film on Avian influenza.
- Department is bringing out public messages in leading six Bengali, two English, two Hindi and two Urdu news dailies.
- GOI and GOWB are disseminating messages on Bird Flu through Doordarshan and other major TV channels and also through All India Radio and FM band.
- Department has taken the initiative to print IEC materials in Santhali and Gorkhali languages for distribution among the aforesaid communities in different districts.
- 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.
- Department is also sending various IEC materials to up till now unaffected districts to keep them prepared in advance.
- State Resource Center has organized a seminar on Avian Influenza involving Indian Medical Association, University faculty members and medical teachers.
- Representatives from the department discussed in 'Suswasthya' program, Doordarshan on the outbreak and the preventive measures to be adopted in this regard.

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