

PRESS RELEASE

On **03-02-2008**, 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 02-02-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS														TOTAL
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	North 24 Pgs	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Cooch behar	Malda + Uttar Dinajpur	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	South 24 Pgs	Pasch. Med. + Purba Med.	
1)	Deployment of RRT															
	a) For Culling	47	0	18	12	24	0	22	0	0	0	22	5	46	0	196
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	9	2	22	14	9	13	0	1	0	2	9	0	0	0	81
	TOTAL RRT	56	2	40	26	33	13	22	1	0	2	31	5	46	0	277
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 01-02-2008	962687	79940	352983	190049	609266	169037	74525	103857	147937	10683	55738	32728	63900	89190	2942520
	b) On 02-02-2008	44898	0	6803	10014	6492	0	7369	4	0	0	150051	2200	28069	0	255900
Progressive Total of Birds Culled		1007585	79940	359786	200063	615758	169037	81894	103861	147937	10683	205789	34928	91969	89190	3198420
3)	No. of eggs destroyed															
	a) Upto 01-02-2008	108609	67976	27674	0	7688	17134	8196	16623	1012	1338	3612	3634	182	569	264247
	b) On 02-02-2008	658	12	0	0	0	0	1736	0	0	0	75000	602	0	0	78008
Progressive Total of eggs destroyed		109267	67988	27674	0	7688	17134	9932	16623	1012	1338	78612	4236	182	569	342255
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
	a) Upto 01-02-2008	15229.50	3181.00	14500.00	13,393.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	17,762.50	54.00	1726.00	-	34.00	545.00	69500.00
	b) On 02-02-2008	4200.00	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.00	-	4243.00
Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)		19429.50	3181.00	14500.00	13413.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	17,762.50	54.00	1,726.00	-	57.00	545.00	73743.00

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 01-02-08	On 02-02-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80992	0	80992
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	0	1650
3)	Murshidabad	29084	29	29113
4)	Nadia	1683	0	1683
5)	South 24 Parganas	3278	12	3290
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
8)	Hooghly	323	4	327
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	55	4590
TOTAL (B)		132625	100	132725

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 03-02-2008

(Based on reports on 2.2.08)

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: 48 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 30.6 lakh people have been surveyed for fever and upper respiratory infection on 2.2.08.
- Number of fever cases found in the survey was 4,208 cases (0.14%), 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 22 (Dakshin Dinajpur: 07, Murshidabad: 02, Birbhum: 08, South 24 Parganas: 01, Purba Medinipur: 01 and North 24 Parganas: 03).
- 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 5,904 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 14 pulse-oxymeters have already been installed; rest 10 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 5,911 cullers comprising 277 teams (196 engaged in culling, and 87 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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