

## PRESS RELEASE

On **05-02-2008**, the Government of West Bengal in the Animal Resources Development Department has not declared any further area to be an eradication area.

The Government in the Animal Resources Development Department, after considering all aspects of the matter, hereby supersedes Notification No. 154-AR & AH, dated 25-01-2008, No. 173-AR & AH, dated 30-01-2008, No. 203-AR & AH, 01-02-2008 and No. 207-AR & AH, dated 02-02-2008 with immediate effect, and declare that movement, purchase and sale as well as transport of poultry and poultry products except poultry feed are restricted and/ or prohibited throughout the State of West Bengal with immediate effect and until further orders.

### A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 04-02-2008

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)	<b>Deployment of RRT</b>															
a)	For Culling	15	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	14	-	42	-	22	55	151
b)	For surveillance/ Mopping	7	-	23	-	25	12	22	-	-	2	9	-	10	-	110
c)	Disinfection & Sanitation	-	2	-	23	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	2	-	-	37
	<b>TOTAL RRT</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>298</b>
2)	<b>Tentative culling Target of birds</b>	<b>909,540</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>140,149</b>	<b>712,691</b>	<b>169,540</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>139,200</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>35,500</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>3,125,620</b>
3)	<b>Culling of birds</b>															
a)	Upto 03-02-2008	1,043,312	79,940	371,900	200,063	616,171	169,037	83,523	103,861	150,518	10,683	305,280	35,078	117,539	96,941	3,383,846
b)	On 04-02-2008	63,222	-	3,582	257	2,689	-	-	-	6,107	170	27,952	-	23,710	5,943	133,632
	<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>	<b>1,106,534</b>	<b>79,940</b>	<b>375,482</b>	<b>200,320</b>	<b>618,860</b>	<b>169,037</b>	<b>83,523</b>	<b>103,861</b>	<b>156,625</b>	<b>10,853</b>	<b>333,232</b>	<b>35,078</b>	<b>141,249</b>	<b>102,884</b>	<b>3,517,478</b>
3)	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>															
a)	Upto 03-02-2008	154,480	67,988	29,012	-	7,688	17,134	9,969	16,623	1,012	1,338	641,877	4,236	182	59,719	1,011,258
b)	On 04-02-2008	-	-	978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	469,829	-	208	50	471,065
	<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>	<b>154,480</b>	<b>67,988</b>	<b>29,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,688</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>9,969</b>	<b>16,623</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,111,706</b>	<b>4,236</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>59,769</b>	<b>1,482,323</b>
4)	<b>Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>															
a)	Upto 03-02-2008	23,929.50	3,181.00	14,500.00	13,413.00	646.50	2,212.50	95.00	216.00	18,052.50	54.00	1,926.00	-	57.00	585.00	78,868.00
b)	On 04-02-2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	612.00	-	-	-	-	25.00	637.00
	<b>Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>	<b>23,929.50</b>	<b>3,181.00</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>13,413.00</b>	<b>646.50</b>	<b>2,212.50</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>216.00</b>	<b>18,664.50</b>	<b>54.00</b>	<b>1,926.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57.00</b>	<b>610.00</b>	<b>79,505.00</b>

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

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 03-02-08	On 04-02-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80,992	-	80,992
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1,650	-	1,650
3)	Murshidabad	29,141	19	29,160
4)	Nadia	1,683	-	1,683
5)	South 24 Parganas	3,290	45	3,335
6)	Bardhaman	9,592	-	9,592
7)	Bankura	780	-	780
8)	Hooghly	327	-	327
9)	Malda	43	-	43
10)	Coochbehar	300	-	300
11)	Purulia	130	-	130
12)	Howrah	235	-	235
13)	North 24 Parganas	4,590	66	4,656
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>132,753</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>132,883</b>

### Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 05-02-2008

(Based on reports on 4.2.08)

#### A. Avian influenza outbreak: Situation update

- On date, 48 blocks and five municipalities of 14 (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbihar, Bankura, Hooghly, Purulia, Hooghly, Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas) districts are affected.
- Small area of Uttar Dinajpur district adjoining to affected area of Chanchal, Malda and Small area of Purba Medinipur adjoining Debra, Paschim Medinipur have been under surveillance.
- No new area has been notified today.

#### B. Preventing human infection:

##### Community surveillance on 04-02-2008:

- Population surveyed : 34 Lakh people.
- Fever cases found : 5203 (0.15%)
- Dakshin Dinajpur and Bankura are doing passive surveillance.
- Suspected case of human Avian Influenza found : NIL

##### Test Reports of Biological samples :

- Biological samples tested till date : 24 (Dakshin Dinajpur: 07, Murshidabad: 02, Birbhum: 08, South 24 Parganas: 03, 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) deployment

- 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.
- Faculty members of the medical colleges are working at selected districts.

##### Medical examination of health staff deployed in the field

- On date, medical teams examined a total of 6320 health personnel deployed in the fields.
- Districts have adequate stock of Tamiflu, PPE, N95 Masks, three layered masks, gloves, caps and aprons for the use of health workers engaged in community surveillance and examination of ARD staff.

##### Institutional preparation for management of human cases, if any

- Isolation/observation wards have been set up and equipped at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
- Till date, 11 patients under investigation have been admitted in those facilities, out of which 08 have already been discharged.
- Till date, 23 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.
- All districts have identified and equipped health facilities where isolation wards can be opened if necessary and made necessary human resource planning.
- IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified and equipped as apex referral hospital.
- All medical colleges have formed medical teams.
- Daily coordination meetings are being held at the state and district headquarters.

**C. Supporting ARD Department**

- On date, a total of 6294 cullers comprising 298 teams (151 engaged in culling, and 110 in surveillance/mopping and 37 in disinfection) have been medically examined.
- They were given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).

**D. Disseminating information and messages to the community**

- Interpersonal communication with the community by health personnel during survey.
- Distribution of 15 lakh leaflets and 1.75 lakh posters in the affected districts.
- Support received from UNICEF.
- 2000 cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts. Local health authorities are playing those cassettes at important sites.
- Local cable channels are showing TV clippings and short film on Avian influenza.
- 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.
- Department has taken the initiative to print handbill on good practices and treatment seeking messages.
- 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).

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