

PRESS RELEASE

On 09-02-2008, 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 08-02-2008

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	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	24	-	145
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	-	1	8	-	24	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	4	-	44
	c) Disinfection & Sanitation	-	1	15	18	-	1	-	11	-	2	8	-	3	25	84
	TOTAL RRT	118	2	23	18	24	1	-	11	7	2	11	-	31	25	273
2)	Tentative culling Target of birds	909,540	80,000	262,000	140,149	712,691	169,540	105,000	96,000	139,200	11,000	220,000	35,500	150,000	95,000	3,125,620
3)	Culling of birds															
	a) Upto 07-02-2008	1,113,780	79,940	376,101	201,730	638,650	169,037	83,523	104,699	164,376	10,853	356,662	35,942	176,174	103,718	3,615,185
	b) On 08-02-2008	34,869	-	-	-	1,241	-	-	-	104	-	-	-	12,068	-	48,282
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	1,148,649	79,940	376,101	201,730	639,891	169,037	83,523	104,699	164,480	10,853	356,662	35,942	188,242	103,718	3,663,467
3)	No. of eggs destroyed															
	a) Upto 07-02-2008	154,642	67,988	30,612	-	7,719	17,134	9,969	16,802	1,012	1,338	1,111,856	4,261	1,645	59,826	1,484,804
	b) On 08-02-2008	1,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	460	-	2,015
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	156,197	67,988	30,612	-	7,719	17,134	9,969	16,802	1,012	1,338	1,111,856	4,261	2,105	59,826	1,486,819
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
	a) Upto 07-02-2008	23,959.50	3,181.00	14,500.00	13,413.00	646.50	2,212.50	95.00	216.00	19,025.50	54.00	1,976.00	-	57.00	610.00	79,946.00
	b) On 08-02-2008	70.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	24,029.50	3,181.00	14,500.00	13,413.00	646.50	2,212.50	95.00	216.00	19,025.50	54.00	1,976.00	-	57.00	610.00	80,016.00

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 07-02-08	On 08-02-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80,992	-	80,992
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1,650	-	1,650
3)	Murshidabad	29,171	-	29,171
4)	Nadia	1,721	-	1,721
5)	South 24 Parganas	3,420	31	3,451
6)	Bardhaman	9,594	-	9,594
7)	Bankura	780	-	780
8)	Hooghly	328	-	328
9)	Malda	44	-	44
10)	Coochbehar	300	-	300
11)	Purulia	130	-	130
12)	Howrah	235	-	235
13)	North 24 Parganas	4,731	2	4,733
TOTAL (B)		133,096	33	133,129

MATERIALS FOR PRESS NOTE ON 9.2.08**(Based on reports on 8.2.08)****A. Avian influenza outbreak: Situation update**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. No new area has been notified today.

B. Preventing human infection:**Community surveillance on 8.2.08:**

1. Population surveyed: 24.7 lakh people
2. Fever cases found: 2603 cases (0.11%)
3. Dakshin Dinajpur, Burdwan and Bankura are doing passive surveillance.
4. Suspected case of human Avian Influenza found: Nil

Test reports of biological samples:

1. Biological samples tested till date: 30 (Dakshin Dinajpur: 07, Murshidabad: 02, Birbhum: 08, South 24 Parganas: 07, Purba Medinipur: 01, North 24 Parganas: 04 and Howrah: 01).
2. Reports of two samples collected from Howrah and South 24 Parganas are yet to come.
3. All other samples tested negative for Influenza A H5N1.

Rapid Response Teams (RRT) deployment

1. Central Rapid Response Teams are engaged in surveillance activities at all affected districts.
2. Senior State health officers are supervising at all affected districts
3. Faculty members of the medical colleges are working at selected districts.

Medical examination of health staff deployed in the field

1. On date, medical teams examined 5543 health personnel deployed in the fields.
2. 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 preparedness for management of human cases, if any

1. Isolation/observation wards have been set up and equipped at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
2. Till date, 17 patients under investigation have been admitted in those facilities, out of which 14 have already been discharged.
3. Till date, 23 ventilators have already been installed at those facilities. A total of 14 pulse-oxymeters have already been installed; rest 10 are in the process of being installed.

4. All districts have identified and equipped health facilities where isolation wards can be opened if necessary, and made necessary human resource planning.
5. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified and equipped as apex referral hospital.
6. All medical colleges have formed medical teams.
7. Daily coordination meetings are being held at the state and district headquarters.

C. Supporting ARD Department

1. On date, a total of 3817 cullers comprising 273 teams (145 engaged in culling, 44 in surveillance/mopping and 84 in disinfection) have been medically examined.
2. They were given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).

D. Disseminating information and messages to the community

1. Interpersonal communication with the community by health personnel during survey.
2. Distribution of 15 lakh leaflets and 1.75 lakh posters in the affected districts.
3. Support received from UNICEF.
4. 2000 cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts. Local health authorities are playing those cassettes at important sites.
5. Local cable channels are showing TV clippings and short film on Avian influenza.
6. 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.
7. Department has printed IEC materials in Santhali and distributed the same to selected affected districts. IEC materials in Gorkhali languages for distribution in Darjeeling have been prepared.
8. Department has printed handbill on good practices and treatment seeking messages and distributed to affected districts.
9. Department has given public messages on the ban of sale and purchase of poultry and its movement in leading Bengali and English dailies.
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.

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