

## PRESS RELEASE

On **12-02-2008**, 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 issued a Notification superceding this Department's Notification No. 216-AR & AH dated 5.2.2008 with immediate effect except in the districts of Birbhum and Murshidabad with the following provisions :-

I. Poultry farms/farmers that were allowed movement of their poultry from one non-affected area to another vide this Department's No. 154-AR & AH dated 25.01.2008, No. 173-AR & AH, dated 30.1.2008, No. 203-AR & AH dated 01.02.2008 and No. 207-AR & AH, dated 02.02.2008 are now allowed movement of their poultry with immediate effect throughout the State of West Bengal including the non-affected areas of the district of Birbhum and Murshidabad.

II. Small and medium farms/farmers who maintain bio-security measures and operate outside the affected areas will also be allowed movement of their poultry from one non-affected area to another throughout the State of West Bengal including the non-affected areas of the district of Birbhum and Murshidabad provided the Deputy Director of the concerned district on satisfaction that they should also be so allowed, issues a certificate to the effect. Copy of the certificate should accompany every consignment of such movement.

III. The local movement of poultry from one non-affected area to another in the districts of Birbhum and Murshidabad will not fall under the purview of this Notification.

IV. Poultry and poultry products coming from other non-affected States may also be allowed to move into or through the State of West Bengal.

### A) **ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 12-02-2008**

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 on 12-02-08</b>															
	a) For Culling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	45	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	2	78
	c) Disinfection & Sanitation	57	1	20	8	-	-	-	7	-	2	4	4	15	2	118
<b>TOTAL RRT deployed on 11-02-08</b>		<b>102</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196</b>
2)	<b>Tentative culling Target of birds</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>377,000</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>712,691</b>	<b>169,540</b>	<b>83,523</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>167,000</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>357,000</b>	<b>35,500</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>104,000</b>	<b>3,856,254</b>
3)	<b>Culling of birds</b>															
	a) Upto 11-02-2008	1,251,153	79,940	376,101	201,730	652,215	169,037	83,523	104,699	165,656	10,876	356,762	35,942	204,159	103,718	3,795,511
	b) On 12-02-2008	13,027	-	-	-	4,674	-	-	-	1,286	-	27	-	-	-	19,014
<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>		<b>1,264,180</b>	<b>79,940</b>	<b>376,101</b>	<b>201,730</b>	<b>656,889</b>	<b>169,037</b>	<b>83,523</b>	<b>104,699</b>	<b>166,942</b>	<b>10,876</b>	<b>356,789</b>	<b>35,942</b>	<b>204,159</b>	<b>103,718</b>	<b>3,814,525</b>
3)	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>															
	a) Upto 11-02-2008	158,579	67,988	30,612	-	7,719	17,134	9,969	16,802	1,012	1,338	1,111,856	4,261	2,532	59,826	1,489,628
	b) On 12-02-2008	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350
<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>		<b>158,929</b>	<b>67,988</b>	<b>30,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,719</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>9,969</b>	<b>16,802</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,111,856</b>	<b>4,261</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>59,826</b>	<b>1,489,978</b>

4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
a)	Upto 11-02-2008	24,029.50	3,181.00	14,500.00	13,413.00	646.50	2,212.50	95.00	216.00	19,042.50	54.00	1,976.00	-	57.00	610.00	80,033.00
b)	On 12-02-2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	19,042.50	54.00	1,976.00	-	57.00	610.00	80,033.00

B. No unusual mortality was reported from the districts on 12-02-2008.

### **HUMAN SURVEILLANCE ON 12.2.08**

**(Based on reports on 11.2.08)**

Since 15.1.08, GOI notified 48 blocks and five municipalities of 14 districts of the state as affected by Bird Flu outbreak. Last notification was done on 2.2.08. Since then, no new area has been notified. Small areas of two non-notified districts have been brought under surveillance as being adjacent to notified blocks of other districts.

On date, a total of 13.9 lakh people have been surveyed for fever and upper respiratory infection. Out of which 12101049 cases (0.09%) of fever have been identified. A total of 30 biological samples have been tested for Influenza A H5N1. All the samples tested negative. Till date, no suspected case of human Avian Influenza has been detected.

On date, 3288 health personnel engaged in community fever surveillance and 2290 cullers and ARD staff/volunteer engaged in culling, mopping and disinfection have been medically examined. Cullers and ARD staff have been given prophylactic Tamiflu.

Central and State Rapid Response Teams, senior State health officers and faculty members of the medical colleges are engaged in surveillance activities at all the affected districts.

Isolation/observation wards have been set up and equipped with ventilators, pulse oxymeters and other necessities at all identified facilities of the affected districts. Till date, 17 patients under investigation have been admitted in those facilities, out of which 16 have already been discharged. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs, PPE, three layered masks, caps, aprons and other logistics to combat any eventuality.

Adequate IEC materials have been prepared and used by the State and districts for dissemination of relevant messages to the community. These include leaflets, posters, handbills, audio message, audio-visual clippings, short film, and public message in different languages through advertisements in leading dailies. 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).

Animal Resources Development Department took the decision to lift the ban on sale and movement of poultry and poultry products, except in certain areas of Birbhum and Muirshidabad districts.

Daily coordination meetings are being held at the state and district headquarters.