

PRESS RELEASE

1. On 21st January, 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.

District	Block/ Municipality	G.P./ Ward/ Village	Eradication area
Murshidabad	Suti – I Block	Chaksaidpur village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Sagardighi Block	Sagardighi village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Beldanga – I Block	Gangapur village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
Birbhum	Muhammad Bazar Block	Digolgram village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Nanur Block	Sardanga village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
Nadia	Krishnagar – I Block	Bhatjangla (Bakultala) village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Kaliganj Block	Baraitna village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
Bankura	Saltora Block	Dahuka village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci
	Palita G.P. of Ketugram – I Block	Katari village	Within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci

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.

4. Upto the 20th January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 20-01-2008

SL. NO.	ACTIVITIES	DISTRICTS					
		BIRBHUM	DAKSHN DINAJPUR *	NADIA	MURSHI -DABAD	BARDHAMAN	TOTAL
1)	Deployment of RRT						
	a) For Culling	56	5	25	20	19	125
	b) For surveillance	1	28	0	0	0	29
	TOTAL (1)	57	33	25	20	19	154
2)	Culling of birds						
	a) Upto 19-01-2008	66566	55019	113	323	0	122021
	b) On 20-01-2008	19091	12775	856	3181	2516	38419
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	85657	67794	969	3504	2516	160440
3)	No. of eggs destroyed						
	a) Upto 19-01-2008	8016	60936	0	20	0	68972
	b) On 20-01-2008	5024	3584	989	209	482	10288
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	13040	64520	989	229	482	79260
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)						
	a) Upto 19-01-2008	1227.50	409.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1636.50
	b) On 20-01-2008	2.00	10.00	0.00	11.00	5.00	28.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed	1229.50	419.00	0.00	11.00	5.00	1664.50

* Dakshin Dinajpur : - 28 RRT have been deployed for Surveillance (Mopping)

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

The unusual mortality on 20th January was 8897 against 98254 deaths upto 19-01-2008. The mortality figures for the day and the cumulative total is as under

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 19-01-2008	On 20-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	72313	4712	77025
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1510	15	1525
3)	Murshidabad	12194	3557	15751
4)	Nadia	1057	613	1670
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	400	0	400
TOTAL (B)		98254	8897	107151

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 21-01-2008

In response to the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza in six districts (Birbhum, Murshidabad, Nadia, Dakshin Dinajpur and Burdwan and Bankura) in West Bengal, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal has taken the following measures : -

(1) Human fever surveillance in the community of the affected areas (2) Clinical examination of the cullers and giving them appropriate chemprophylaxis (Tamiflu) (3) Setting up of isolation / observation wards at the identified nodal health facilities and equipping them adequately for any eventuality and (4) Dissemination of essential messages to the community through various media.

On 20-01-2008, 2.23 lakh of population, residing in 308 villages/ wards (cumulative : 4.17 lakh of population) has been surveyed in the affected districts mentioned above to find out whether they are suffering from any type of fever and respiratory systems. No suspected case of Avian Influenza has been reported yet.

The cullers working at different districts are being examined by our medical teams both at the start and the end of the daily operation and the activities are going on as a routine procedure. As on 20-01-2008, 154 teams of Animal Resources Development Department have been examined and administered prophylaxis (Tamiflu). Apart from that, around 700 health personnel deployed in field have been medically examined.

Isolation/ observation wards at identified health facilities have been set up in all the affected districts and they have been equipped. Further reinforcement of the logistics of these facilities is under process. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified as apex referral hospital for this purpose.

1. Many of the districts have prepared leaflets to disseminate essential messages relating to Avian Influenza. Community has been informed using loudspeakers and through interpersonal communication by the health workers during survey activity. Moreover, printed leaflets, handbills, compact discs containing audio messages for dissemination through loudspeakers at important sites, compact discs TV clippings and short films for dissemination through Cable TV channels have been sent to the affected districts from the State headquarters. Department is also bringing out public messages regarding the do's/ don'ts on Bird Flu in prominent newspapers in several languages. 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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