

PRESS RELEASE

1. As on 22nd 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 within a radius of 5 kilometers of foci ; -

District	Block/ Municipality	G.P./ Ward/ Village
Bankura	Mejhia Block	Lalbazar village
Nadia	Krishnagar - I Block	Simultala village
	Nakashipara Block	Muragacha village
	Haringhata Block	Subarnapur village
Malda	Chachal-I Block	Mahanandapur village
Burdwan	Ketugram Block	Kantari village
	Jamuria Block	Pariharpur village
	Galsi Block	Krishnarampur village
Birbhum	Nalhati -I Block	Dharampur village
	Bolpur-Sriniketan Block	Binodpur village

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 21st January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 21-01-2008

SL. NO.	ACTIVITIES	DISTRICTS					
		BIRBHUM	DAKSHN DINAJPUR *	NADIA	MURSHI-DABAD	BARDHA-MAN	TOTAL
1)	Deployment of RRT						
a)	For Culling	78	34	34	51	92	289
b)	For surveillance	1	0	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL (1)	79	34	34	51	92	290
2)	Culling of birds						
a)	Upto 20-01-2008	85657	67794	969	3504	2516	160440
b)	On 21-01-2008	32079	11643	5553	14597	32059	95931
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	117736	79437	6522	18101	34575	256371
3)	No. of eggs destroyed						
a)	Upto 20-01-2008	13040	64520	989	229	482	79260
b)	On 21-01-2008	6563	864	106	4	2706	10243
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	19603	65384	1095	233	3188	89503
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)						
a)	Upto 20-01-2008	1229.50	419.00	0.00	11.00	5.00	1664.50
b)	On 21-01-2008	80.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	182.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed	1309.50	421.00	0.00	11.00	105.00	1846.50

* Dakshin Dinajpur : - Including figures for mopping operation (9637 birds culled and 1518 eggs)

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

The unusual mortality on 21st January was 5915 against 107151 deaths upto 20-01-2008. The mortality figures for the day and the cumulative total is as under

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 20-01-2008	On 21-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	77025	863	77888
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1525	0	1525
3)	Murshidabad	15751	5052	20803
4)	Nadia	1670	0	1670
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	400	0	400
	TOTAL (B)	107151	5915	113066

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 21-01-2008

In response to the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza in seven districts (Birbhum, Murshidabad, Nadia, Dakshin Dinajpur and Burdwan, Bankura and Malda) 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 chemoprophylaxis (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 21-01-2008, 1.32 lakh of population, residing in 24 Blocks and 4 Municipalities has been surveyed in the affected districts mentioned above to find out whether they are suffering from any type of fever and respiratory systems. Some human biological samples have been collected from the community by NICD teams for Avian Influenza surveillance. All the samples have tested negative. 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 21-01-2008, 154 teams of Animal Resources Development Department have been examined and administered prophylaxis (Tamiflu). Apart from that, around 857 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. A total of 14 ventilators have been placed at those facilities. Further, reinforcement of the logistics of these facilities is under process. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified as apex referral hospital for this purpose.

The sensitization / training of the health personnel on surveillance activity is going on simultaneously at the districts.

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 headquarter. UNICEF also supported this endeavour by printing and supplying posters and handbills. Department is also bringing out public messages regarding the do's/ don'ts on Bird Flu in prominent Bengali and English 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 .

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