

## **PRESS RELEASE**

1. On 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, the Government in the Animal Resources Development Department has not declared any further eradication area.

2. Upto the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, the report of mortality and culling of poultry birds stands thus : -

### **A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 23-01-2008**

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS						
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Bankura	Total
<b>1)</b>	<b>Deployment of RRT</b>							
a)	For Culling	145	9	197	81	131	20	583
b)	For surveillance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL RRT</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>583</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Culling of birds</b>							
a)	Upto 22-01-2008	181427	79437	28853	47983	76097	800	414597
b)	On 23-01-2008	85664	0	41215	40628	78707	4822	251036
	<b>Progressive Total of Birds Culled</b>	<b>267091</b>	<b>79437</b>	<b>70068</b>	<b>88611</b>	<b>154804</b>	<b>5622</b>	<b>665633</b>
<b>3)</b>	<b>No. of eggs destroyed</b>							
a)	Upto 22-01-2008	32298	66432	1102	831	5744	121	106528
b)	On 23-01-2008	13083	0	0	1460	12639	719	27901
	<b>Progressive Total of eggs destroyed</b>	<b>45381</b>	<b>66432</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>2291</b>	<b>18383</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>134429</b>
<b>4)</b>	<b>Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>							
a)	Upto 22-01-2008	3229.00	1981.00	0.00	11.00	1912.50	0.00	7133.50
b)	On 23-01-2008	1968.00	0.00	0.00	274.00	350.00	3.00	2595.00
	<b>Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)</b>	<b>5197.00</b>	<b>1981.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>2262.50</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>9728.50</b>

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

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 22-01-2008	On 23-01-2008	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	77888	0	77888
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1525	125	1650
3)	Murshidabad	22828	1865	24693
4)	Nadia	1672	0	1672
5)	South 24 Parganas	1188	0	1188
6)	Bardhaman	9592	0	9592
7)	Bankura	780	0	780
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>115473</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>117463</b>

### **Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 24-01-2008**

As on 23-01-2008, a total of 32 Blocks and 4 (four) Municipalities of nine districts (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbehar, Bankura and Hooghly) of the State have been affected by Avian Influenza. Since 13-01-2008, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal is engaged in monitoring and surveillance and is rendering medical support to ARD Department in culling activities.

**A. Disease surveillance at community level**

1. On date, medical teams surveyed 5.9 lakh people in the affected districts.
2. A total of 2,446 cases of fever have been found in the survey. However, none of those corroborates with clinical presentation of Avian Influenza.
3. Till date, 15 Biological Samples have been collected by NICD Teams – Dakshin Dinajpur – 05, Murshidabad – 02 and Birbhum – 08 to detect any possible infection. All the samples tested negative for the disease.
4. The Rapid Response Teams of Government of West Bengal and Government of India are actively involved in this activity and keeping a close vigil.
5. Till date, no suspected case of human Avian Influenza has been detected.

**B. Surveillance of the cullers and health personnel**

1. On date, a total of 3,979 cullers comprising 583 teams have been medically examined and given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).
2. A total of 2,446 health personnel deployed in the fields have also been examined.
3. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.

**C. Preparation for management of human Avian Influenza cases, if any**

1. Isolation/ observation wards have been set at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
2. 14 ventilators have already been placed and installed at those facilities along with other equipments.
3. Department has also directed the district health authorities of hitherto unaffected districts to identify health facilities where isolation wards can be opened, if necessary, equip them with essential amenities and make necessary human resource planning.
4. IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified as apex referral hospital.
5. Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs, PPE and other logistics to combat any eventuality.
6. Daily coordination meetings are being held at the State and district headquarters.

**D. Dissemination of information and measures related to Avian Influenza**

1. The sensitization / training of the health personnel on Avian Influenza and its surveillance is going on simultaneously at all affected and hitherto unaffected districts. State Resource Centre is also giving inputs to the State headquarter.
2. Many districts have prepared leaflets regarding the do's/ don'ts on Bird Flu and distributed throughout the community at risk.
3. Health personnel, during their survey activity, are interpersonally communicating with the community to bring out essential behaviour changes.
4. Department has printed leaflets and handbills and sent those to the districts for distribution among community. UNICEF has rendered support to this activity.
5. Compact discs and cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts with explicit direction to play those at important sites through loudspeakers.
6. Compact discs containing TV clippings and a short film have been sent to the districts with direction to use them through local cable channels.
7. Department is bringing out public messages in prominent news dailies in Bengali, English, Hindi and Urdu.
8. Government of India and Government of West Bengal are disseminating messages on Bird Flu through Doordarshan and other major TV channels and also through All India Radio and FM Band.
9. 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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