

Bird flu update

As per latest information received, a total mortality of 1,07,881 poultry birds has been reported from Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Nadia, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Burdwan and Bankura districts of West Bengal.

The HSADL, Bhopal has confirmed a positive result for Avian Influenza (H5) in respect of samples from Chachal-I block of Malda district, Nakashipara block of Nadia district and Mejia block of Bankura district of West Bengal on the basis of rapid tests.

A total of 22 samples have been sent to the HSADL, Bhopal from North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Nadia, West Midnapur and Birbhum districts on 20.01.2008.

On 20.01.2008, 154 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were deployed for culling, mopping up and surveillance operations as per details below:

Sl. No.	Activities of RRTs	Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Murshidabad	Nadia	Burdwan	Total
1.	Culling	56	5	20	25	19	125
2.	Mopping up	-	28	-	-	-	28
3.	Surveillance	1	-	-	-	-	1
	Total	57	33	20	25	19	154

Latest position of culling and destruction of eggs & feed carried out till 20.01.2008 is given below:

Districts	Poultry culled (No.)			Eggs destroyed (No.)			Feed destroyed (Kg.)		
	Till 19.01.08	On 20.01.08	Cumulative	Till 19.01.08	On 20.01.08	Cumulative	Till 19.01.08	On 20.01.08	Cumulative
Birbhum	66,566	19,091	85,657	8016	5,024	13040	1228	2	1230
Dakshin Dinajpur	55,019	12,775	67,794	60,936	3,584	64520	1609	10	1619
Murshidabad	323	3,181	3,504	20	209	229	-	11	11
Nadia	-	969	969	-	989	989	-	-	-
Burdwan	-	2,516	2,516	-	482	482	-	5	5
Total	1,21,908	38,532	1,60,440	68,972	9,848	79,260	2837	28	2865

All the State Governments have been requested to maintain adequate surveillance and report any unusual mortality at the earliest.

Joint teams of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are already touring the vulnerable states of Jharkhand, Bihar, Orissa, Assam and Meghalaya. Team to Tripura and Mizoram is also moving today.

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