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Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

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MEDIA BRIEF

The occurrence of H1N1 Influenza (earlier called Swine Influenza) in Mexico, U.S.A. Canada, U.K., Israel and some other countries has received widespread attention because of its potential to turn into a pandemic. As clarified by WHO and FAO, the H1N1 virus is a genetic re-assortment of swine influenza, avian influenza and human influenza strains. The diagnosed human cases suggest extended human-to-human transmission and links to swine are either weak or absent. There is also no evidence of illness in swine in any of the affected countries at this point of time.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has already issued necessary advisory to all the State Governments to maintain a precautionary vigil on the swine population for any flu-like symptoms. In order to provide factual information on Swine Influenza in livestock, the Department has also set up a Control Room in 297 – C, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, which functions from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. The telefax number of the Control Room is 011-23384190. Any information or clarification required outside the Control Room timings may be obtained from Cell Numbers 09818002564, 09868712375 or 09868792726.