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Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

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**MEDIA BRIEF**

1. As per latest information received, a cumulative mortality of 1,16,203 poultry birds has been reported from West Bengal, of which 2407 birds died on 22.01.2008 in Murshidabad, Nadia and Bankura districts. This number stood at 1,13,796 till yesterday.
2. The HSADL, Bhopal has confirmed a positive result for Avian Influenza (H5) in respect of samples from Dinhata-I block of Coochbehar district, Balagarh block of Hooghly district and Raniganj block of Burdwan district of West Bengal on the basis of rapid tests.
3. On 22.01.2008, 468 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were deployed for culling and surveillance operations as per details below:

Districts	Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Murshidabad	Nadia	Burdwan	Bankura	Total
No. of RRTs	135	6	77	156	79	15	468

Yesterday, 257 RRTs were engaged in operations.

3. Latest position of culling and destruction of eggs & feed carried out till 22.01.2008 is given below:

Districts	Poultry culled (No.)			Eggs destroyed (No.)			Feed destroyed (Kg.)		
	Till 21.01.08	On 22.01.08	Cumulative	Till 21.01.08	On 22.01.08	Cumulative	Till 21.01.08	On 22.01.08	Cumulative
Birbhum	1,17,736	63,691	1,81,427	19,603	12,695	32,298	1310	1,920	3229
Dakshin Dinajpur	79,437	-	79,437	65,384	1,048	66,432	1621	1560	3181
Murshidabad	18,101	29,882	47,983	233	598	831	11	-	11
Nadia	6,522	22,331	28,853	1,095	7	1,102	-	-	-
Burdwan	19,767	56,330	76,097	1,939	2556	4,495	55	1807	1863
Bankura	-	800	800	-	121	121	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,41,563</b>	<b>1,73,034</b>	<b>4,14,597</b>	<b>88,254</b>	<b>17,025</b>	<b>1,05,279</b>	<b>2997</b>	<b>5287</b>	<b>8284</b>