

Government of India
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 1,24,598 poultry birds has been reported from West Bengal, of which 2,011 birds died on 26.01.2008 in Birbhum, Murshidabad, Coochbehar, Purulia and Howrah districts. This number stood at 1,22,587 till yesterday.

2. As per the latest report received from the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal, this morning, samples collected from the Budge-Budge II block of South 24 Parganas and Debra block of Paschim Medinipore districts have tested positive for Avian Influenza virus on the basis of the rapid tests. Further, Mathabhanga –I in Coochbehar and Shamsirganj in Murshidabad are the new blocks added to the existing blocks in these districts, which are already infected with the virus.

2. On 26.01.2008, 1014 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were deployed in West Bengal for culling and surveillance operations as per details below:

Districts	Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia & North 24 Parganas	Murshida -bad	Burdwan	Cooch-behar
No. of RRTs	177	2	224	319	46	55

Districts	Malda & Uttar Dinajpur	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	Total
No. of RRTs	54	73	-	54	10	1014

3. Latest position of culling and destruction of eggs & feed carried out till 26.01.2008 is given below:

Districts	Poultry culled (No.)			Eggs destroyed (No.)			Feed destroyed (Kg.)		
	Till 25.01.08	On 26.01.08	Cumulative	Till 25.01.08	On 26.01.08	Cumulative	Till 25.01.08	On 26.01.08	Cumulative
Birbhum	5,06,967	93,051	6,00,018	67,918	6,457	74,375	8,343	200	8,543
Dakshin Dinajpur	79,437	503	79,940	66,432	65	66,497	3,181	-	3,181

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Nadia & North 24 Parganas	1,86,235	47,908	2,34,143	12,044	3,515	15,559	6,020	2,000	8,020
Murshidabad	3,00,893	1,09,140	4,10,033	5,308	2,112	7,420	626	-	626
Burdwan	1,69,037	-	1,69,037	17,134	-	17,134	2,213	-	2,213
Coochbehar	3,698	9,518	13,216	746	298	1044	-	-	-
Malda & Uttar Dinajpur	5,124	20,819	25,943	465	2,682	3,147	-	-	-
Howrah	-	6,519	6,519	-	14	14	-	-	-
Bankura	10,601	-	10,601	1,338	-	1,338	54	-	54
Hooghly	12,155	11,075	23,230	771	1,486	2,257	560	590	1,150
Purulia	-	2,744	2,744	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12,74,147	3,01,277	15,75,424	1,72,156	16,629	1,88,785	20,997	2,790	23,787