

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 1,25,283 poultry birds has been reported from West Bengal, of which 685 birds died on 27.01.2008 in Birbhum, Murshidabad, Nadia and Malda districts. This number stood at 1,24,598 till yesterday.

2. On 27.01.2008, 945 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were deployed for culling operations as per details below:

Districts	Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia & North 24 Parganas	Murshidabad	Coochbehar	Malda & Uttar Dinajpur
No. of RRTs	244	1	210	244	50	54

Districts	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	Total
No. of RRTs	89	2	31	20	945

3. Latest position of culling and destruction of eggs & feed carried out till 27.01.2008 is given below:

Districts	Poultry culled (No.)			Eggs destroyed (No.)			Feed destroyed (Kg.)		
	Till 26.01.08	On 27.01.08	Cumulative	Till 26.01.08	On 27.01.08	Cumulative	Till 26.01.08	On 27.01.08	Cumulative
Birbhum	6,00,018	1,17,132	7,17,150	74,375	8,237	82,612	8,543	490	9,033
Dakshin Dinajpur	79,940	-	79,940	66,497	-	66,497	3,181	-	3,181
Nadia & North 24 Parganas	2,34,143	24,320	2,58,463	15,559	5,773	21,332	8,020	3,425	11,445
Murshidabad	4,10,033	1,00,805	5,10,838	7,420	231	7,651	626	20	646
Burdwan	1,69,037	-	1,69,037	17,134	-	17,134	2,213	-	2,213
Cooch-behar	13,216	14,643	27,859	1044	480	1,524	-	-	-
Malda & Uttar Dinajpur	25,943	28,206	54,149	3,147	5,729	8,876	-	76	76
Howrah	6,519	58,779	65,298	14	142	156	-	8,970	8,970
Bankura	10,601	33	10,634	1,338	-	1,338	54	-	54
Hooghly	23,230	3,785	27,015	2,257	590	2,847	1,150	112	1,262
Purulia	2,744	6,897	9,641	-	738	738	-	-	-
Total	15,75,424	3,54,600	19,30,024	1,88,785	21,920	2,10,705	23,787	13,093	36,880

4. Since Avian Influenza is restricted to certain parts of the districts affected in West Bengal, eating properly cooked poultry and poultry products is perfectly safe in areas not affected by virus in West Bengal and rest of the country.