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**Media Brief**

1. There are no further reports from the HSADL, Bhopal of any sample testing positive from any part of the country, including West Bengal.
2. No unusual mortality was reported in West Bengal on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.
3. Newspapers reports appearing on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 had mentioned high mortality in a poultry farm in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal. Though the investigation had found the mortality to be on account of starvation, suffocation and improper temperature management, the State Government was advised to forward samples to the HSADL, Bhopal as a matter of caution. The tests of the samples conducted at the said laboratory have been found negative for Avian Influenza.
4. The latest report bringing out resume of activities carried out on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 and the cumulative position reveals that a total of 252 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were engaged (104 for surveillance / mopping and 148 for disinfection and sanitization), which completed culling of 25,559 birds taking the cumulative culling to 39.05 lakhs.
5. The latest figures of eggs and feed destroyed till 15.02.2008 are 14,90,785 and 80,033 kg respectively.
6. In Assam, the poultry depopulation operation in the identified zone has been completed on 13.02.2008. In Bihar, 40% culling has been completed. In Jharkhand, culling has started in 11 villages of Jamtara district on 15.02.2008. Further, 21 villages in Pakur district have also been identified as risk-prone, where culling would start shortly.