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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 17th February, 2008.
3. The latest report from West Bengal reveals that a total of 143 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were engaged (9 for surveillance / mopping and 134 for disinfection and sanitization). The cumulative culling of poultry birds stands at 39.05 lakhs.
4. The cumulative figures of eggs and feed destroyed till 17.02.2008 are 14,90,785 and 80,033 kg respectively.
5. In Assam, the poultry depopulation operation in the identified zone has been completed on 13.02.2008. The progress of preventive culling in Bihar and Jharkhand is continuing. Out of three districts in Bihar, culling has been completed in Purnia and Kishanganj districts. In the third district of Katihar, it is likely to be completed by 20th February, 2008. The preventive culling in Jharkhand involves two districts viz. Jamtara and Pakur. The culling was started in the state on 15.02.2008 and has since been completed in Jamtara district. It is expected to commence in Pakur district today.