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MEDIA BRIEF

1. The report for 3rd February, 2008, received from West Bengal shows that unusual mortality of poultry birds in the state has come down significantly. Only 14 birds were reported to have died on the said date in Murshidabad district. This takes the cumulative mortality to 1,32,739 poultry birds, which has been reported from Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Nadia, South 24 Parganas, Burdwan, Bankura, Hooghly, Malda, Coochbehar, Purulia, Howrah and North 24 Parganas districts of West Bengal.
2. A total of 295 Rapid Response Teams were engaged as on 03.02.2008, which completed culling of 1.85 lakh birds taking the cumulative figure of culling so far to 33.84 lakh.
3. Latest position of destruction of eggs and feed carried out till 03.02.2008 are 10,11,258 and 78,868 kg respectively.
4. The latest communication from HSADL, Bhopal intimates that samples of poultry birds collected from Lakhimpur Khiri and Sitapur Districts of Uttar Pradesh, which were part of the consignment transported from West Bengal have tested negative. Similarly, samples of birds received from Haryana, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Bihar and Tripura have also returned a negative result on the basis of rapid tests.
5. The preventive culling for creating a poultry depopulated zone has already commenced in Assam. However, it is yet to start in Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa.