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MEDIA BRIEF

The salient developments on the above subject up to 30th January, 2008 are given below:

1. As per the latest report received from the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal, samples collected from the Suri-I block of Birbhum district, Raghunathganj-II block of Murshidabad district and Chanditala-2 block of Hooghly district have tested positive for Avian Influenza virus on the basis of the rapid tests. Sample from North 24 Parganas is under process and there is no report as yet that it has tested positive.
2. A total of 630 Rapid Response Teams were engaged on 29.01.2008, which completed culling of 1.55 lakh birds taking the cumulative figure of culling so far to 23.23 lakh. Culling mainly remains in the areas which got affected later in the last few days.
3. A total mortality of 1,30,170 poultry birds 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. This number stood at 1,29,777 till yesterday.