

Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

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MEDIA BRIEF

The salient developments on the above subject up to 31st January, 2008 are given below:

1. A total mortality of 1,31,981 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 1,30,170 till yesterday.
2. A total of 635 Rapid Response Teams were engaged on 30.01.2008, which completed culling of 1.94 lakh birds taking the cumulative figure of culling so far to 25.16 lakh. Reduction in the number of teams is reported to be on account of work of culling having been completed in some districts.
3. Latest position of destruction of eggs and feed carried out till 30.01.2008 are 2,28,771 and 46,931 kg. respectively.
4. The Hon'ble Agriculture Minister held a meeting with the representatives of the poultry industry on 30th January 2008 to assess the economic impact of the Avian Influenza on the poultry industry in West Bengal and in the rest of the country. Action is being taken to work out a suitable relief package.