

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 10th March, 2008

MEDIA BRIEF

Following is the situation of bird flu in West Bengal up to 10th March, 2008 (2.00 PM):

1. After samples from Raghunathganj-II and Jiaganj blocks of Murshidabad districts testing positive as per update submitted on 7th March 2008, there are no further report from the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal of any sample testing positive from any part of the country, including West Bengal.
2. Culling in a radius of five kilometers around the two new foci of infection has already commenced today i.e. 10th March 2008. While 22,440 birds are to be culled in Raghunathganj-II, the culling target in respect of Jiaganj is 27,200 birds. A total of 20 RRTs have been deployed in each of the two blocks.
3. No unusual mortality was reported in West Bengal on 9th March, 2008.
4. As per latest report received from the Government of West Bengal, the cumulative figure of poultry culled in the state up to 9th March 2008 is 40.03 lakh. The cumulative figures of eggs and feed destroyed till the said date are 14,91,307 and 80,033 kg respectively.