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This is in reference to the information received from World Health Organization regarding mortality of crow due to H5N1 infection in wild birds as well as poultry in Rajshahi, Bangladesh.

2. In view of report of HPAI in Bangladesh, there is a likely risk of ingress of Avian Influenza into our country, since it is a Transboundary animal disease. Therefore, there is an immediate need for taking all possible measures/precautions to prevent the ingress of the disease into the country and to be fully prepared to deal with any eventuality.

3. The following measures/ precautions may be considered in this regard:

- (i) Movement Control on poultry and poultry products from Bangladesh side.
- (ii) An information, education and communication (IEC) campaign in the bordering areas may please be undertaken to familiarize the public about Avian Influenza and the precautions that should be taken to prevent it and in case any symptoms are noticed, to report the same to the concerned authorities without any loss of time.
- (iii) An intensive surveillance may be taken up in all the bordering districts.
- (iv) The Veterinary Officers should undertake special surveillance of the wet markets in the bordering areas and arrange to send samples on regular basis as envisaged under surveillance plan issued in November, 2013.
- (v) District level preparedness needs to be assessed and required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), chemicals etc. made available in order to tackle any eventuality.
- (vi) Incidence of any unusual sickness/ mortality in birds is reported immediately to this Department including sending of samples to respective RDDL and NIHSAD, Bhopal

Yours sincerely,

  
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