

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

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Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture

**Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To

**The Chief Secretary,**  
Government of Gujarat,  
Ahmedabad (Gujarat).

**Subject: Confirmation of Avian Influenza H5N1 in poultry birds in Servadharam,  
Memnagar Rescue Center, Ahmedabad of Gujarat.**

Sir,

This is regarding unusual mortality in poultry birds in Servadharam, Memnagar Rescue Center, Ahmedabad of Gujarat.

2. The samples from the said epicenter were sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal who confirmed on 11.01.2017 that the aforesaid samples were found positive in RT-PCR, Real time RT-PCR and virus isolation for H5 N1 strain of Avian Influenza virus.

3. State was intimated of the positive results on 11.01.2017. The State was requested to carry out the control and containment operations as per 'Action Plan of Animal Husbandry for Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (2015)' which was circulated to the States by the Government of India in March, 2015. It is also available on Department website ([www.dahd.nic.in](http://www.dahd.nic.in)) under link: Animal Health-Bird Flu. Therefore, control and containment measures as per above Action Plan on Avian Influenza needs to be carried out by the State.

4. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India was also intimated in the matter.

5. Necessary actions as contained in the Action Plan of Animal Husbandry referred to above (especially under Part III) are to be completed immediately by the State Government viz: declaration of infected and surveillance areas, restricting access to the infected premises; destruction of birds; disposal of dead birds and infected materials; clean-up and disinfection followed by sealing of the premises and issue of sanitization certificate; post operations surveillance; imposition of legislative measures etc. along with necessary measures laid down in the Contingency Plan (2005) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

