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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

To,

**The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs.**

**Subject:** Declaration of Avian Influenza free status – regarding.

Sir,

India notified outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) on 18.01.2016 at State Poultry Farm, Gandhigram, Tripura West district of Tripura state. There has been no further outbreak reported in the country thereafter.

2. The control measures adopted in the radius of one Km around outbreak location were stamping out of entire poultry population including destruction of eggs, feed, litter and other infected materials, restriction on movement of poultry and poultry products to and from the area of outbreak, disinfection and cleaning up of infected premises and subsequently issuing of the Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP). The POSP was issued on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

3. Surveillance was carried out throughout the country. Surveillance around the areas of the outbreaks since completion of the operation (including culling, disinfection and clean-up) and surveillance in the state has shown no evidence of presence of Avian Influenza.

4. In view of the above, India has declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) from 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and notified the same to OIE.

5. It is, however, emphasized that the surveillance will need to be continued throughout the country especially in the vulnerable areas bordering infected countries and in areas visited by migratory birds. It is reiterated that the States should not be led into a state of complacency due to declaration of country freedom from Avian Influenza and must maintain their vigil against the disease.

Yours faithfully,



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