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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 5th June, 2018

To,
The Chief Secretaries of All States/UTs.

Subject: Declaration of Country Freedom from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N8 and H5N1)- regarding.

Sir,

This is regarding declaration of country freedom from Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza, after outbreaks of the disease at various epicenters in Karnataka (Dasrahalli village) and Odisha (Sandhakunda and Badapadia Paradeep) in the country.

2. All the outbreaks of Avian Influenza (HPAI) mentioned above were notified to OIE and the control and containment operations were carried out as per the guidelines of Action Plan on Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza. The control measures adopted in the radii of one Km around outbreak locations included the following:

- i). Stamping out of entire poultry population including destruction of eggs, feed, litter and other infected materials,
- ii). restriction on movement of poultry and poultry products to and from the areas of outbreak,
- iii). disinfection and cleaning up of infected premises and;
- iv). the Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP).

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 states has shown no evidence of presence of Avian Influenza Virus.

4. In view of the above, India has declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N8 and H5N1) from 5th June, 2018 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 States should not be complacent due to the declaration of country freedom from Avian Influenza but must maintain strict vigil against the disease.

Yours faithfully,



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