

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3239.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018

**BIRD FLU**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has informed the WHO that the country is free from the menace of Avian Influenza (H5N1 and H5N8) after the surveillance in the States has disclosed the absence of this virus, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the outbreaks of the influenza at various epicentres in Delhi, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, Rajpura in Punjab, Hissar in Haryana, Bellary in Karnataka, Allappuzha and Kottayam in Kerala, Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Daman and Khordha, and Angul in Odisha between October 2016 and February 2017 have been wholly contained, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) and (b). The outbreaks of Avian Influenza and other diseases in animals are reported to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and not to World Health Organization (WHO). India had reported to World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza (HPAI) at various epicentres in Delhi, Gwalior, (Madhya Pradesh), Rajpura (Punjab), Hissar (Haryana), Bellary (Karnataka), Allappuzha and Kottayam (Kerala), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Daman (Daman) and Khordha and Angul (Odisha) during October, 2016 to February, 2017. The control and containment operations were carried out as per the Action Plan on Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza. Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP) for a period of three months was carried out at all the epicentres for surveillance of disease in the surveillance zones. Surveillance was also carried out throughout the country and around the areas of the outbreaks after completion of the disinfection process. India had declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N8 and H5N1) from 6th June, 2017, as per World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines and the same was notified to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

However, later on two new outbreaks were reported in Karnataka on 02.01.2018 and in Odisha on 27.02.2018. The outbreaks were notified to OIE and the control and containment operations as well as POSP were carried out as per the Action Plan. Surveillance was also carried out throughout the country and around the areas of the outbreaks after completion of the disinfection. India has now declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N8 and H5N1) from 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, as per the OIE guidelines and this has been notified to OIE.