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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 68
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021

BIRD FLU

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मात्स्यिकी, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that large number of birds including chicken and crows had died due to various infections like bird flu in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of birds including chicken and crows which died due to bird flu in various States during the last three months; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to control and stop the spread of such bird flu in others parts of the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to(c): Yes sir, a large number of birds, including chicken and crows, have died in various parts of the country due to Avian Influenza (bird flu) as confirmed by ICAR-National Institute for High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD). While Avian Influenza was confirmed in samples of poultry birds in 10 states (Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir), it was confirmed in samples of Crow/Migratory/ Wild birds in 13 States (Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Bihar). The state-wise details regarding the number of birds which died due to bird flu during the last three months, as gathered therefrom is annexed.

(d) The measures taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying to contain the spread of Avian Influenza include -

- Issued advisory for increased surveillance and bio-security in poultry farms across the country before onset of winter due to arrival of migratory birds during winter
- The extant Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza was revised
- Necessary guidelines were issued to all states /UTs on control and containment of bird flu as per the Action Plan and accordingly, states have taken control and containment measures to prevent further spread
- Department set up a central control room to monitor the situation and to take stock on daily basis of preventive and control measures undertaken by the States /UTs
- States/ UTswere advised for maintaining strict surveillance and take preparatory measures as per Action Plan including maintaining sufficient stock of PPE kits and accessories, disinfectant and other logistics required for control operations
- Department deployed Central teams to visit affected states for monitoring and conducting epidemiological investigation
- VC meetings with State/ UT Animal Husbandry Departments to assess status of preparedness and providing required support
- States have been directed to identify their BSL-II labs for speeding up identification of infection in the state and to ensure timely introduction of control mechanisms
- States have been asked to coordinate with the departments of health and forest and sensitize them about Avian Influenza.
- Provision of funds made for carrying out surveillance, awareness generation, procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), giving compensation to poultry farmers whose birds were culled or eggs and poultry feed destroyed by the State.
- Sensitization and awareness generation of poultry farmers and general public on Avian Influenza through various social media platforms including Facebook/twitter etc.

Annexure

Information regarding death of birds due to bird flu in States / UTs during last three months

(as on 30.01.2021)

S. no	State	Poultry	Crows/wild/ migratory birds
1.	Rajasthan	67	6528
2.	Gujarat	238	590
3.	Kerala	25864	-
4.	Haryana	2,10,000	-
5.	Madhya Pradesh	12	4437
6.	Himachal Pradesh	-	5394
7.	Chhattisgarh	53	485
8.	Punjab	49936	88
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Total -912 birds including chicken and crows	
10.	Delhi	-	542
11.	Uttarakhand	-	7
12.	Maharashtra	17590	1648
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	-	4