

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2711
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

OUTBREAK OF BIRD FLU

2711. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the recent outbreak of bird flu in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of birds killed due to the spread of bird flu in the State of Kerala, district-wise and category-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to redress the situation?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government is aware about the recent outbreaks of bird flu in the country. As gathered from Animal Husbandry Department Kerala, in the recent outbreak at Thakazy, Block Champakulam (District Allapuzha), 9750 birds have died since 21 November 2021.

(c) The measures taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying to redress the situation include -

- i. Advisories for increased surveillance and bio-security in poultry farms across the country before onset of winter due to arrival of migratory birds during winter
- ii. Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (revised in 2021)
- iii. States advised to coordinate with the departments of Health and Forest for Avian Influenza as the disease has zoonotic potential
- iv. Provision of funds 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.
