

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3600

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BIRD FLU

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up an expert panel to find out the causes leading to the recent incidence of bird flu in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said panel has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be submitted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A committee has been constituted to assess/determine the possible source of infection of the outbreak of Avian Influenza in poultry in Navapur, Nandurbar District of Maharashtra under the Chairmanship of Dr.N.K. Ganguly, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. However, the committee is looking into the possible routes of introduction of the disease into the country. In a meeting taken by Secretary(ADF) on 18th April, 2006, the Chairman of the committee was requested to submit the interim report within one month.