

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD FLU

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the bird flu reportedly may hit India again;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the precautionary steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Recurrence of Avian Influenza has been reported from a number of countries like Afghanistan, China, Djibouti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Russia, Slovenia, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and Vietnam, which suggests that the virus continues to circulate in some countries of the world. The outbreak has been reported from the neighboring countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Myanmar and India falls on the route of three major flyways of migratory birds, which are the possible source of infection. Therefore, India is vulnerable and the Bird Flu may hit any time. India has regained country freedom status from Notifiable Avian Influenza on 11th August 2006 and still it is continuing.

(c): Precautionary steps taken in the, country as part of preparedness are enclosed as Annexure.