

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD FLU VIRUS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether bird flu virus has been identified in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of States in the country where the virus has been found;
- (c) the measures being taken by the Union Government to check the bird flu in all parts of the country; and
- (d) the number of birds have culled in the country in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The present wave of Avian Influenza originated in Hong-Kong in 1997. India remained free till February, 2006. The outbreaks reported in India are as under:

First outbreak:

Navapur (Maharashtra) - Uchchal (Gujarat),. 18th February, 2006.

Second outbreak.

Jalgaon (Maharashtra) - Ichchapur (Madhya Pradesh) 14th March, 2006.

Jalgaon (Maharashtra), 28th March, 2006.

Jalgaon (Maharashtra), 4/5 April, 2006. Jalgaon (Maharashtra), 18th April, 2006.

Third outbreak:

Chingmeirong (Manipur), 25 th July, 2007.

(c): The various measures taken by the Union Government to check the Avian Influenza are Annexed with this answer sheet.

(d): So far a total of 13,83,235 number of poultry birds have been culled in operations to control and contain Avian Influenza outbreaks in 2006 and 2007.