

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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CASES OF BIRD FLU  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cases of Bird Flu have been reported recently from various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) Yes
- (b) State / UT-wise details at Annexure
- (c) For control and containment of current Avian Influenza outbreak as well as to prevent its ingress into the country, Government of India took the following steps:
  - (i) Continuous strengthening of preparedness to tackle any future eventuality in terms of upgradation of laboratories, training of manpower, stockpiling of materials for control and containment etc.
  - (ii) The training of veterinary personnel in preparedness, control and containment is continuing. More than 80% veterinary workforce in the country has been trained to handle control and containment operations.
  - (iii) Reserve of essential material for control operations have been developed and are being expanded further.
  - (iv) Sensitization of general public on Avian Influenza through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns.
  - (v) Import of poultry and poultry products have been banned completely from HPAI positive countries.
  - (vi) Transparent approach towards reporting not only outbreaks but also information of unusual sickness / mortality in poultry and results of laboratory diagnosis.
  - (vii) Border check posts with neighboring countries have been strengthened.
  - (viii) All the State Governments have been alerted to be vigilant about the outbreak of the disease, if any.
  - (ix) Guidelines issued to the States for further guidance to the poultry farmers.
  - (x) In the event of an outbreak, the contingency plan of both Health and Animal Health Sector are put into force, rapid response teams are deployed and culling of entire poultry population in the affected zone of 0-5/0-3 Kms., as appropriate is carried out. The health of high risk personnel involved in the operations and the exposed community are put under surveillance.