

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:100
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2011
AVIAN FLU
Hazari Shri Maheshwar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of avian flu having affected poultry in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether poultry farmers have been adversely affected due to spread of the said disease and some farmers are reported to have committed suicides in various parts of the country including Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the relief/assistance provided to the affected poultry farmers by the Government, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 100 for 1st March 2011 regarding 'Avian Flu'

(a) & (b) The latest outbreak of avian influenza (AI) in the country was notified on 17.2.2011 in Government Duck Farm, R.K. Nagar, Agartala in Tripura. The state-wise details of the outbreaks in each of last three years and the current year are in Annexure-I

(c) to (e) Although the poultry farmers are economically affected due to the outbreak of AI, we have not received any report of farmers committing suicide in any part of the country, including Bihar, on this account. The state-wise details of assistance /relief provided in the last three years and current year upto 23rd February, 2011, to the affected poultry farmers, is given in Annexure II.