

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POULTRY FARMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that most of the poultry farms in the country are unhygienic and unsanitary;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking any action against such poultry farms;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES) (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) to (d) Preservation, protection and improvement of the stock and prevention of the animal diseases are listed in the Constitution as State subject and these also cover poultry. Therefore, State governments take appropriate action on status of hygiene & sanitation at poultry farms. However, none of the State Governments has brought to the notice of the Union Government information to the effect that most of the poultry farms are unhygienic and unsanitary.

The Union Government has no direct mechanism to assess the status of hygiene and sanitation of poultry farms in the country. However, Government of India issued general guidelines to the State Governments on biosecurity measures to be taken in case of Highly-Pathogenic Avian Influenza in February, 2006. which have further been revised and incorporated in the Action Plan of Animal Husbandry for Preparedness. Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (November, 2006).