

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OUTBREAK OF DEADLY DISEASES

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

- (a) whether there have been reports of outbreak of deadly diseases like bird flu amongst the livestock population in various parts of the country including North East Region during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of birds/animals culled as a result thereof;
- (c) the success achieved so far by the Government in preventing the spread of these diseases; and
- (d) the strategy developed to arrest the spread of such deadly diseases and for improving livestock during the 12th Five Year Plan Period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) and (b) . No outbreak of bird flu has been reported in the country in the livestock so far. The outbreaks of bird flu have been reported in poultry in the states of Assam, West Bangal, Odisha, Meghalaya and Tripura during last one year. A total of 1.63 lakh birds were culled during the control and containment operations. An amount of Rs. 68.43 lakh has been paid as compensation till the last occurrence as given in the Annexure.

(c). The control and containment measures were carried out promptly and the disease was stopped at the source in all the outbreaks preventing the further spread.

(d). Department has an action plan for prevention, control and containment of bird flu. States are constantly advised to carry out surveillance for the disease and to take actions for control and containment of the disease in case of outbreak as per the action plan. Stress is given on capacity building for the man-power, strengthening of diagnostic capabilities and publicity compaign for awareness of the public in regard to the disease. The same efforts are proposed to be continued in the 12th plan also.