

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPREAD OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any confirmed case of avian influenza has been reported from various parts of the country including Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the loss due to the spread of the disease;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any new study to contain the spread of avian influenza;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the preventive steps taken by the Government to contain the disease along with the details of the assistance/package provided by the Union Government to the States to contain this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(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. 339 for 16th December, 2014 regarding 'Spread of Avian Influenza'

(a) and (b): Confirmed cases of avian influenza have been reported only from Kerala. The outbreaks were notified at Purakkad & Thalavady panchayats and Chennithala in district Alappuzha; Aimanam, Vilakkumaram and Choorathara in district Kottayam and Peringara in district Pathanamdiitta. Action was immediately taken as per the Action Plan on Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza. During the control and containment operation, around 2.77 lakh birds have been culled so far. Besides, 256,669 number of eggs and 6,895 kg. of poultry feed have been destroyed. An amount of Rs. 379.51 lakh has been paid as compensation to die farmers for forced culling of their birds and destruction of eggs and poultry feed bt die State Govt.

(c), (d) & (e): The Action Plan on Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza was revised in 2012, based on the experiences gained and new scientific knowledge. A new Surveillance Plan was also prepared in 2013 for carrying out robust surveillance of the disease. All the outbreaks till date have been controlled and contained in accordance with the Action Plan on Avian Influenza.