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Media Brief

1. There are no further reports from the HSADL, Bhopal of any sample testing positive from any part of the country, including West Bengal.
2. A total of 297 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were engaged (109 in culling, 66 in surveillance / mopping and 122 in disinfection and sanitization) in West Bengal, which completed culling of 49,321 birds, taking the cumulative figure of culling done so far to 37.82 lakh. The revised culling target is 38.56 lakh.
3. The latest figures of eggs and feed destroyed till 10.02.2008 are 14,89,524 and 80,033 kg respectively.
4. No unusual mortality was reported in West Bengal on 10th February, 2008. The cumulative mortality of poultry birds remains at 1,33,135, which has been reported from Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Nadia, South 24 Parganas, Burdwan, Bankura, Hooghly, Malda, Coochbehar, Purulia, Howrah and North 24 Parganas districts of West Bengal.
5. The preventive culling undertaken in Dhubri and Kokrajhar districts of Assam has since been completed. Mopping operations are currently underway. The state is also conducting publicity and awareness programme in both the districts to make farmers aware about the importance of mopping operation. The culling operations are proceeding in Bihar and culling of 95,270 birds has so far been done. The culling operations are tentatively scheduled to commence in Jharkhand on 14th February 2008.