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Media Brief

The salient developments on the above subject up to 19th February, 2008 (2.00 PM) are given below:

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. No unusual mortality was reported in West Bengal on 18th February, 2008.
3. The latest report brings out that a total of 161 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) were engaged (15 for surveillance / mopping and 146 for disinfection and sanitization). No culling was done on 18.02.2008. The cumulative culling of poultry birds is 39.05 lakhs.
4. No egg and feed was destroyed on 18.02.2008. The cumulative figures of eggs and feed destroyed till 18.02.2008 are 14,90,785 and 80,033 kg respectively.
5. An amount of Rs. 8.40 crores (approx.) has reportedly been paid as compensation upto 18.02.2008 against an estimated amount of Rs. 15.62 crores actually due.
6. In Assam, the poultry depopulation operation in the identified zone has been completed on 13.02.2008. Out of three districts in Bihar, culling has been completed in Purnia and Kishanganj districts and in Katihar district, culling is continuing. In Jharkhand, while culling has been completed in Jamtara district, it is in progress in Pakur district.