

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3427  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023

**AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1)**

3427. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMALHUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Avian Influenza (H5N1) was detected recently by the ICAR-National Institute of High-Security Animal Disease, Bhopal from the samples received from the Government Poultry Farm at Bokaro, Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the birds, animals, mammals affected as a result of the spread of Avian Influenza, if any, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has advised the States and UTs to carry out the control and containment operations as per the Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza(2021) and to maintain sufficient stock of PPE kits and other accessories and also deputed central team to assist the State in the control and containment operations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any compensation is proposed to the affected poultry farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Avian Influenza(H5N1) was confirmed by the ICAR-National Institute of High-Security Animal Disease, Bhopal from the samples of poultry from Government Poultry Farm, Bokaro, Jharkhand on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. As per the information gathered from the States, the details of the birds affected due to Avian Influenza (H5N1), State wise since October 22 is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of epicentres of outbreak	No. of birds affected
1	Kerala	28	1,06,515
2	Jharkhand	2	4536

(c) The States have been advised to carry out the control and containment operations as per the Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (2021) and to maintain sufficient stock of PPE kits and other accessories required for the control and containment operations. The Department has deputed a central team to assist the State in the control and containment operations on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023. Also, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had deputed their central team for overseeing the surveillance in human sector.

(d) and (e) Under 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)' a centrally sponsored component of Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the farmers whose birds have been culled, eggs and feed destroyed due to confirmation of Avian Influenza on a sharing basis (@ 50:50) between Central and the State Government. For the outbreak at Bokaro, compensation amounting to Rs. 3.12 lakh has been estimated.

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