

MOST IMMEDIATE

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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 11th November, 2013

To

The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs.

Subject: Declaration of Avian Influenza free status – regarding.

Sir,

India notified outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) at Poultry Production Unit, College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Anjora, Durg and Government Poultry Farm, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh on 05.08.2013.

2. The control measures adopted in the outbreak were stamping out of entire poultry population including destruction of eggs, feed, litters and other infected materials in the radius of 1 Km. around the outbreak location, restriction on movement of poultry, poultry products to and from the area of outbreak, disinfection and cleaning up of infected premises and subsequently issuing of the Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP). The POSP was issued on 12th August, 2013.
3. Surveillance and Post Operation Surveillance around the areas of the outbreak and surveillance in the rest of the states has shown no evidence of Notifiable Avian Influenza (H5N1).
4. In view of the above, India has declared itself free from Notifiable Avian Influenza (H5N1) on 11th November, 2013 and notified the same to OIE.
5. It is, however, emphasized that regular surveillance to be continued throughout the country especially in the vulnerable areas bordering infected countries and in areas visited by migratory birds.

Yours faithfully,



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Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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