

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2966
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021**

AWARENESS ABOUT BIRD FLU

2966. SHRI KISHAN KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to States/UTs for creating awareness among people about epidemic like Bird Flu; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Bird Flu being a zoonotic disease, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) has issued an Action Plan for Prevention, Control & Containment of Avian Influenza in 2021.

Additionally, other measures taken by Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying to create awareness about epidemic like bird flu and to prevent the spread of Bird Flu include –

- Advisories issued to States / UTs for increased surveillance and biosecurity in poultry farms before onset of winter due to arrival of migratory birds during winter
- Guidelines issued to States / UTs for control and containment of bird flu as per the Action Plan which include increasing surveillance around water bodies, live bird markets, zoos, poultry farms, etc., proper disposal of carcass, strengthening of biosecurity in and around poultry farms, restricting movement of poultry from infected zones and taking preparatory measures, viz. maintaining sufficient stock of PPE kits and accessories, disinfectants and other logistics required for control operations
- Setting up central control room to monitor daily progress of preventive and control measures taken by States / UTS
- In coordination with National Disaster Management Authority, meetings held with State UT Animal Husbandry and Health Departments to assess status of preparedness and providing required support.

- Requesting States / UTs to ensure effective communication and coordination with Health and Forest authorities for close vigilance of the disease status to avoid any chance of jumping of the disease into humans.
- Provision of funds made for carrying out surveillance, awareness generation, procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), control and containment operations, compensating poultry farmers whose birds are culled or eggs and poultry feed destroyed by the State / UT Sensitization and awareness generation of poultry farmers and general public on Bird Flu through various social media platforms including Facebook / twitter etc.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has developed and issued a Contingency Plan for Management of human Cases of avian Influenza in December 2005. The plan includes case definition of avian influenza in humans, guidelines for specimen collection from human cases of avian influenza, guidelines for cullers, chemoprophylaxis and case management guidelines, use of personal protective equipment and Do's and Don'ts for Community. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has also issued a detailed guidance note on safe handling, processing and consumption of poultry meat and eggs during bird flu outbreak.