

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

To

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Sub: Confirmation of Avian Influenza (H5N1) in chicken in Village Fajilkhutahari of Mehrma Block in Godda district of Jharkhand.**

Sir,

This is regarding confirmation of Avian Influenza (H5N1) in samples from chicken in village Fajilkhutahari of Mehrma Block in Godda district of Jharkhand.

2. The samples from the said epicentre were sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal who confirmed on 04.02.2019 that the aforesaid samples were found positive by Real Time RT-PCR for H5 N1 strain of Avian Influenza virus.

3. The State is requested to carry out the control and containment operations as per 'Action Plan of Animal Husbandry for Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (2015)' which was circulated to the States by the Government of India in March, 2015. It is also available on Department website ([www.dahd.nic.in](http://www.dahd.nic.in)) under link: Livestock Health-Guidelines. Therefore, control and containment measures as per above Action Plan on Avian Influenza needs to be carried out by the State.

4. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is also intimated in the matter.

5. Necessary actions as contained in the Action Plan of Animal Husbandry referred to above (especially under Part III) are to be completed immediately by the State Government viz: declaration of infected and surveillance areas, restricting access to the infected premises; destruction of birds; disposal of dead birds and infected materials; clean-up and disinfection followed by sealing of the premises and issue of sanitization certificate; post operations surveillance; imposition of legislative measures etc. along with necessary measures laid down in the Contingency Plan (2005) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

6. The details of epicenter are given below:-

S. No.	Village/ Block	District
1.	Village- Fajilkhutahari, Block-Mehrma	Godda

7. In addition to the culling strategy mentioned above, surveillance will be carried out over a radius up to 10 kilometers from the epicenter.

8. A daily report on the control and containment operations may please be furnished to this Department by 10 a.m.
9. International Organization, i.e. OIE, will be notified by the Government of India at its level.
10. Surveillance throughout the State may be intensified to monitor further spread of infection.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*  
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3. Sh. A. Giridhar, Addl. Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.
8. Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Joint Secretary (DM), Ministry of Home Affairs, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001. Director General (M&C), PIB, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. The Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Jharkhand.
11. The Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Jharkhand.

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- 1) Secretary (AH) of all States/UTs.
- (2) Commissioners/Directors (AH) of all States/UTs.

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