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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2021

IMPACT OF AVIAN FLU ON POULTRY INDUSTRY

1375. SHRI VENKATARAMANA RAO MOPIDEVI:
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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has studied the impact of Avian Flu on the poultry industry in financial terms across the country;
- (b) the States that have been badly hit and their details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to compensate poultry farmers for the huge losses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

- (a) No Sir. However, as per information received from the poultry industry, there has been a substantial loss in terms of death /culling of poultry birds as well as reduction in consumption of poultry and poultry products due to fear of spread of bird flu thereby leading to less price realization for poultry eggs and meat. As per information received from the States/UTs, a total of 4,49, 271 poultry birds have been culled so far due to Avian flu (Bird flu).
- (b) Avian flu among poultry and wild birds have been confirmed in 14 States / UTs namely Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir. However, Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab and Kerala have been affected badly whose details are annexed.
- (c) and (d) The Department, under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) component of Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH&DC) scheme, supplements the efforts of States/UTs governments for prevention, control and containment of animal diseases, including bird flu, by providing financial assistance (on a 50:50 sharing basis based on extant rates) to the States /UTs. Compensation is paid to poultry farmers whose poultry birds, eggs and poultry feed are culled / destroyed as per the extant Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (bird flu).

Status of States affected badly due to bird flu (data as on 09.02.2021)

S.No.	State	Number of districts affected	Poultry died	Number of poultry birds culled
1.	Maharashtra	22	41,504	1,09,426
2.	Haryana	2	2,10,000	1,64,000
3.	Punjab	1	49,936	84,505
4.	Kerala	2	25,864	58,335