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The allergic proteins may be found in bird serum, droppings, skin scales, feathers and, in the case of Pigeons, Pigeon bloom (a waxy fine dust which coats the feathers of Pigeons). Contact may result from handling birds, cleaning their lofts, or exposure to the organic dust drifting down from a ceiling or roof where birds nest.

The allergic reaction can start with chronic cough and give rise to breathlessness. Such patients often need to be on a long course of steroids to recover.

Inhalation of microparticles or organic dust spread by Pigeon wings flapping or dried droppings can cause:

- ▶ **Asthma**
- ▶ **Allergic Rhinitis**
- ▶ **Allergic Conjunctivitis**
- ▶ **Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis**
- ▶ **Psittacosis**

People living in close proximity to 'Kabutarkhanas' and those who have pigeon nesting on their windowsills/ balcony/ terraces are at high risk!

Test yourself in time - Pigeon Allergen Specific IgG, Serum test

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