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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4086
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

AVIAN INFLUENZA IN ANIMALS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research-National Institute of High security Animal Disease have found some positive sample of Avian Influenza in cattle, goat, as well as in wild species particularly Tigers, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the data about the death of wild animals, like tigers, leopard and lions, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the wild species are being quarantined to prevent the disease spread in other animals and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

- (a): 3 Tigers & 1 Leopard samples collected at the Wildlife Rescue Centre, Gorewada, Nagpur were found Positive for Avian Influenza by ICAR- National Institute for High Security Animal Disease, Bhopal (NIHSAD) in Dec 2024.
- (b): 3 Tigers, 1 Leopard- (Nagpur District, Gorewada Project, Maharashtra State).
- (c): Following major steps have been taken to prevent the spread of disease in other animals:
 - 1. Strict control on movement of all human-being, captive wild animals and captive birds from and to the infected area.
 - 2. All poultry food products have been discontinued.
 - 3. Surveillance in the controlled area.
 - 4. Disposal of carcasses, & bio wastes by incineration.
 - 5. Animal keepers were made to use PPE kits during sanitation and disinfection.
 - 6. Infected zones were properly cleaned, disinfected and sanitized by use of lime, bleaching powder, soda, Vircon-s, kohrsolin, flaming, soda bi-carb and potassium permagnate as foot bath.
 - 7. The animals in the rescue centre were repeatedly screened and found negative for H5N1.
 - 8. Screening of all risk group /working personnels for antibodies against Avian influenza.
 - 9. Quarantine of all personnels involved in treatment of the infected animals.
