


PRESS NOTE

Recently there have been reports of death of large number of birds including migratory birds from several parts of country. The preliminary reports indicate that it is a case of Avian Influenza virus. Considering the grave situation, Govt. has requested States/UTs to take all possible measures/precautions to prevent the transmission of diseases, if any, in other animals/birds and human being.

Avian Influenza, as per World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), is defined as an infection of poultry caused by any influenza A virus of H5 or H7 subtypes or by any influenza A virus with an intravenous pathogenic index greater than 1.2(or as an alternative at least 75% mortality).

In view of the fact that large number of migratory birds visits Andaman and Nicobar Islands during this season; possibilities of transmission of Avian Influenza virus to these Islands cannot be ruled out. The affected birds display symptoms of Tremors, Diarrhea, Head Tilt and Paralysis. The disease spreads quickly causing paralysis and staggering. The virus is transmitted between affected poultry and recently from poultry to wild birds and vice-a-versa.

Therefore general public are hereby advised to be cautious. They are further advised and requested to not touch any dead birds and report the mortality to the Control Room of Wildlife Division, Haddo over phone No. 03192-245229 or Range Officer (Protection) over Mobile No. 9474264109 or to the nearest Veterinary Hospital/dispensaries.

  
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