

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Notification of Avian influenza (H5N8) outbreak in domestic poultry in Balgarden area of Srinagar City.

NOTIFICATION
the 17th of March, 2021

As reported by the *National Institute of High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal, vide letter No 15-100/2008-NISHAD, dated 16.03.2021*, sample of domestic poultry bird from Balgarden area of Srinagar City has been found positive for Avian Influenza (H5N8) strain.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under the provisions of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 and instructions conveyed in Revised Action Plan for Prevention, Control & Containment of Avian Influenza- 2021, the **outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N8) disease is declared** in Balgarden area of Srinagar City.

The outbreak of Avian Influenza disease in Balgarden area of Srinagar City, is notified for all concerned in the Government of UT of J&K as well as concerned private and public agencies along with necessary guidelines and instructions.

The District Administration, Srinagar shall implement all contingency procedures at once for containment and control of bird flu in the area in collaboration with all concerned Departments.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar shall notify the names of all habitations within a radius of 0-1 KM from the epicenter of infection and designate it as “**Infected Zone**” and rest of the area 1 to 10 KM radius shall be designated as “**Surveillance Zone**”.

Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir shall conduct intense surveillance of Infected and Surveillance Zone. Culling operation shall be started as per the directions of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Gol. Director Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar shall strictly follow all the instructions as provided in “Revised Action Plan for Prevention, Control & Containment of Avian Influenza- 2021” (**Copy enclosed**) especially the instructions as mentioned in Chapter 3 of the Action Plan including declaration of infected and surveillance zones, Quick Start Coordination Process, establishment of Control Room, deployment of Rapid Response Teams (RRT's), availability of PPE's/ chemicals /disinfectants, safety of personal engaged in control operation, destruction of poultry birds in infected zone, disposal of dead birds, imposition of legislative



measures along with necessary measures laid down in the contingency plan (2005) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

The Sanitization certificate shall be submitted after completion of all sanitization procedures and subsequently, "Post Operation Surveillance Plan" shall be implemented in the area in accordance to the instructions as may be conveyed by Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, in this regard.

Sd/-
(Navin K. Choudhary), IAS
Principal Secretary to Government,
Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department

No: ASH/Plan/29/2020

Dated: 17 .03.2021

Copy to the:

1. Financial Commissioner, Health and Medical Education Department.
2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
3. Joint Secretary, (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. Joint Secretary, (LH), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, GoI.
5. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir.
6. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.
7. Director information Department, J&K.
8. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar for immediate necessary action.
9. Director Animal Husbandry, Kashmir for immediate necessary action.
10. Director Animal Husbandry Jammu for information.
11. Chief Wild Life Warden Jammu/Kashmir for information.
12. Private Secretary to Advisor (B) to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K for information of the Advisor (B).
13. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for information of the Chief Secretary, J&K.
14. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department for information of Principal Secretary.


(Dr. Arif Bashir)
Technical Officer