

# FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BIRD FLU (AVIAN INFLUENZA)

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## BIRD FLU

- Bird Flu (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza HPAI) is a serious threat to poultry.
- Avian Influenza has infected poultry in several countries of Asia, Africa and Europe.
- The virus being highly contagious, Bird Flu has the potential to cause large scale loss of poultry.
- Close contact with infected birds can lead to human infection also.
- Human beings-especially children-who come into contact with live infected birds or their mucus/ droppings/feathers are at risk of getting infected.
- Symptoms of infection in humans can be similar to 'Flu' which is - difficulty in breathing, high fever, cold, running nose, etc. In case of any suspicion, immediately report to medical authorities.

## PREPAREDNESS

- Contingency action plans are in place to respond effectively to outbreaks of Bird Flu.
- Government has State-of-the-Art laboratories to detect Avian Influenza virus in birds and humans.
- People involved in the poultry sector have been advised on safe practices to be followed to avoid infection.
- Animal husbandry, environment and other poultry-related personnel have been trained to detect, report and contain outbreaks, if any.
- Culling of infected birds and their safe disposal is important to control the infection in birds. This is necessary for the protection of the poultry industry in the rest of the country.
- Hospitals have been designated and equipped to deal with human infection.

Lakhs of small farmers, workers and traders are involved in the poultry industry and the information and Safe Practices above are being advised in the greater interests of the very large poultry industry in the country and the general public.

REPORT sick or dead birds to the  
Animal Husbandry Department IMMEDIATELY without fail.  
**It is safe to consume well cooked chicken & eggs.**

**Hygienic Practices.  
Healthy Chicken.  
Safe Humans.**

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**Help yourself. Protect your loved ones.**