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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Regarding Detection of H5N1 Avian Influenza in Sikkim

Following the detection of **H5N1 Avian Influenza** in Sikkim, Mangan District Authorities have issued the following advisory emphasizing biosafety and public precautions. While **human transmission is rare**, the public is advised to remain vigilant and follow the safety measures outlined below.

The public should **avoid direct contact with sick or dead birds** and immediately report any unusual bird deaths to the Veterinary Services or District Administration.

Key Advisories and Protective Measures

1. Handling Precautions

- Do not touch dead or sick wild birds, crows, or poultry with bare hands.
- Avoid handling birds showing signs of illness.

2. If Paralytic or Sick Birds are Found

- Do not touch the birds.
- Avoid making reels, selfies, or videos with sick or dead birds.
- Do not bring poultry or poultry products from affected areas.

3. Reporting Bird Deaths

- Immediately report unusual mortality in poultry or wild birds to:
 - o Animal Husbandry Department Mangan District (Dr. Dechen O. Kaleon, Additional Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department at contact No.:(**7872896066**), or the nearest Veterinary center.
 - o District Administration. (Shri Karma Dorjee, DPO, DDMA at contact number: **(9647885650)**)

4. Safe Consumption

- Poultry meat and eggs are safe to consume if thoroughly cooked.
- The H5N1 virus is destroyed by high cooking temperatures.

5. For Poultry Workers and Slaughterhouses

- Use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, and boots.
- Maintain strict hygiene and regularly disinfect tools and equipment.

6. Symptoms in Humans

- Seek immediate medical attention if you experience:
 - o Fever
 - o Cough
 - o Sore throat
 - o Breathing difficulty

after contact with birds.

7. Additional Health Advisory

- The public is advised to report any persistent symptoms such as fever, cold, cough, body ache, or flu-like illness to the nearest Public Health Facility immediately for medical evaluation.

Public Cooperation Requested

The cooperation of the public is essential in preventing the spread of Avian Influenza. Please follow the above advisories and promptly report any suspicious bird deaths or illness.

Issued in the interest of public safety.



Yours faithfully,

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