
Measures for preventing Avian Influenza

Incidences of avian influenza virus (bird flu) has been reported from the South-East Asian countries, which has affected domestic poultry. Human beings have also been reported to get infected by this disease which has led to deaths.

It is understood that the waterfowls are major reservoir of avian influenza virus. Keeping in view of the fact that during the months of September to December all the migratory waterfowls come to India for winter nesting, it will be advisable to take necessary precautionary measures for preventing exposure of the fowls being displayed in your zoos to the wild birds as well as to the keepers/personnel directly in-charge for handling of animals in the zoos. The animal husbandry department and the medical services department of your area may be approached for drawing up a suitable contingency plan to tackle any eventuality in this regard.

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