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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you may be aware that 10 States have reported Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. In the present scenario Avian Influenza has been detected in wild birds and poultry. It is observed that the States and local administrations have banned movement of live birds, chicken meat and egg including processed meat, canned meat etc.

2. This Department has taken various steps to control and containment of the disease. However, it is observed that the States have put ban on the movement and selling of poultry products including processed products either by the State as a whole or by the local authority. Such kind of banning has created panic in human being.

3. I would impress upon that Avian Influenza is a virus that infect the birds. India had been reporting the disease since 2006 and every year the disease outbreak happens. Till date there is no report of human infection. The country has been controlling the disease effectively through culling. There is no scientific report available all over globe that the infection of H5N1 or any other Strain of Avian Influenza viruses spread through the processed products.

4. It is further clarified that the virus gets destroyed at 70 degree centigrade within 3 second. Therefore, consumption of meat and egg properly cooked at 70 degree have no risk. The banning of movement of poultry because of infection in wild bird is not justifiable and do not have scientific basis. The ban should be imposed only within the radius of 10 Km of infected zone.

5. Therefore, you are requested to issue instruction to concerned State authorities and Local Administration not to impose ban and allow selling of poultry products sourced from the non-infected areas/ states etc.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

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All the Chief Secretaries of the State