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Infection Source Unknown for Avian Influenza Outbreak in Odisha

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Poultry and Products

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Report Highlights:

In February, the government of India (GOI) notified the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) that two house crows tested positive for H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the state of Odisha. The GOI declared freedom from HPAI in November 2013.

Executive Summary:

On February 21, 2014, the government of India (GOI) notified the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) that two house crows tested positive for H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the state of Odisha. The notification said that the infected premises/establishment(s) has been disinfected, but the source of the infection is currently unknown. The document added that the event is still under investigation and weekly reports will be submitted. The GOI declared freedom from HPAI in November 2013.

General Information:

On February 21, 2014, the GOI reported to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) that two house crows tested positive for H5N1 HPAI in the state of Odisha. This is the first reported outbreak in Joda (Keonjhar district). The notification said that the infected premises/establishment(s) has been disinfected, but the source of the infection is currently unknown. No control measures are planned. The document added that the event is still under investigation and weekly reports will be submitted. However, no further updates have been received by the OIE since the February 2014 notification. The GOI declared freedom from HPAI in November 2013. Regarding transboundary issues, the Ministry of Agriculture has recently issued an advisory to select Indian border states on control measures that should be followed in response to a HPAI outbreak in Nepal. The advisory can be accessed at: http://dahd.nic.in/dahd/WriteReadData/Bird%20flu_on_4-3-2014.pdf.

For further information, please see the [February 21 notification](#).

Table 1. India: Outbreak Statistics as of February 21, 2014

	Outbreak reported in	Susceptible House Crows	Cases	House Crows reported dead
1	Joda, District Keonjhar, Odisha	--	2	2

Source: [February 21, 2014 OIE Report](#)