

Eight swept away in M.P. as pond embankment caves in; two bodies recovered

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Eight persons were swept away as the embankment of a pond collapsed in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh, an official said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday night amid heavy rain at Bahadur Pada village in Thandla tehsil, some 45 kilometres from the district headquarters, Sub-divisional Magistrate Tarun Jain said.

"Two bodies were recovered this morning, while search for the others, comprising three women and as many children, is under way," he said.

The pond was constructed some 20-25 years ago by the State Rural Engineering Department, he added.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday said the Army and the Air Force would be called in, if required, for flood-relief op-



A partially submerged temple in floodwater after authorities opened the gate of the Bargi Dam in Bhopal on Saturday. ANI

erations in the State.

On Sunday, an Indian Air Force helicopter rescued a pregnant woman and two of her family members from the rooftop of their house in a flooded agricultural field at Semalia village in Badnagar tehsil in Ujjain district, District Collector Kumar Purushottam said. He said the administration contacted higher authorities in Bhopal and the helicopter was sent from Nagpur.

Mr. Chouhan held a virtual meeting with officials

at 1.30 a.m. and gave instructions to deal with the situation. He said he had reviewed the situation caused by heavy rain in Khargone, Barwani, Dhar, Khandwa, Burhanpur, Alirajpur and Indore.

The situation is under control but the people are on alert, and the State Disaster Emergency Response Force and the National Disaster Response Force are working in these areas, he said. Meanwhile, the flow in waterbodies and rain has reduced, he added.