

RAJASTHAN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Friday(24/12/09) dozens of workers trapped under a collapsed bridge in western Indian state of Rajasthan, killing 30, officials said.

Fourteen critically injured laborers have been hospitalized.

"We can see bodies crushed below the giant bridge and some are seen floating on the water but it is tough to pull them out," chief fire officer at the accident site.

At least 30 laborers are feared trapped or drowned in the accident that happened late on Thursday when the bridge under construction Rajasthan over the Chambal River collapsed on the outskirts of Kota city in southern Rajasthan.

About half of the bridge was partially submerged in the crocodile infested river, making it impossible for naval divers to conduct search operations.

"We are using underwater body search cameras but are unable to fish the bodies, fearing crocodile attacks," he said.

Rescuers recovered more bodies on Sunday from the debris of an under-construction bridge which collapsed in the Chambal river in the Kota district of Rajasthan, taking the death toll in the accident up to 30. Six rescue teams comprising policemen, labourers, Army jawans and naval teams were engaged in the search operations.



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