

Madhya Pradesh Govt. may consider Sunday lockdown in 2-3 cities

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As COVID-19 cases in the country continue to rise, the Madhya Pradesh government is considering imposing a lockdown on Sundays in two to three cities, state Home Minister Narottam Mishra said on Tuesday.

Speaking to media persons, Mishra also urged people with 'folded hands' to follow COVID-19 guidelines prescribed by the government to prevent the spread of the virus.

"Around 300 to 400 COVID-19 cases are being reported in Indore and Bhopal daily. If cases increase at this pace, we will soon return to the situation that prevailed earlier. With folded hands, I urge people to follow all guidelines," he said.

The government is mulling to imposed lockdown on Sundays in 2-3 cities, he added.

Lockdowns have been imposed in Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur in the wake of rising cases. On Tuesday, Indore registered 477 COVID-19 cases.

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There are currently 8,592 active COVID-19 cases in the state. As many as 2,64,575 patients have recovered from the disease so far, while 3,908 fatalities have been reported, the Ministry said.