

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. of ex-Servicemen Pensioners</i>	<i>No. of non-pensioner ex-Servicemen</i>
3.	Dehradun	30,155	10,637
4.	Tahri Garhwal	3,838	18,294
5.	Uttarkashi	Break-up not available 4,800 (Total)	
6.	Almora	27,620	10,760
7.	Nainital	10,000	11,425
8.	Pithoragarh	33,538	2,178

2. Information regarding the number of cases pending grant of pension to ex-Servicemen in the 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh is not separately available. Eligible cases are sanctioned pension promptly and without any delay.

3. Various concessions/relaxations have been granted and schemes formulated by the Government for the resettlement of ex-Servicemen. However, only those of the ex-Servicemen who fulfil the eligibility conditions (as per the definition of ex-Serviceman in force at the time of retirement/release from service) are eligible to avail themselves of the benefit of these concessions/relaxations and the schemes. Others can avail themselves of several other general schemes formulated by the Government, from time to time, for encouraging and giving financial support by way of loans/subsidy to entrepreneurs intending to set up small and medium industries, if they have viable projects. They can also register themselves with the general Employment Ex-

changes for employment on the civil side if they fulfil the eligibility conditions of the jobs applied for.

[English]

**Assistance to Carpet Weavers in Garhwal Region**

2544. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:  
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to introduce the group approach to assist the carpet weavers of the Garhwal region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce this approach for carpet weavers in other regions also;

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the facilities proposed to be provided by the Government to carpet weavers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). A Carpet Weaving Training-cum-Service Centre has been set up at Dehradun to assist carpet weavers of Garhwal region.

(c) and (d). Areas having potential for development of Carpet industry are identified and concentrated upon for expansion of the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme. This policy is proposed to be continued by the Government.

(e) The following facilities are being provided:-

- i) A Carpet Technology Institute is coming up at Bhadohi.
- ii) Training through departmental centre and through other organisations is provided where a stipend of Rs. 250/- p.m. is given to each trainee. Preference in selection is given to children from traditional carpet weaving families.
- iii) Studies on wool and related subjects are under-taken through institutions by giving grants for the purpose.

**Recommendations of National Road Safety Council**

2545. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the National Road Safety Council held during 1990 and 1991;

(b) the details of the recommendations made by the Council and the action taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken for providing essential services on National Highways; and

(d) the details of the Highways which are in bad shape and the action taken to improve their condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Nil.

(b) A Statement is annexed.

(c) Steps have been taken to provide facilities along National Highway such as wayside amenities, parking complexes, laybys etc. In addition, in order to reduce accidents, steps have been taken to improve road geometrics and junctions, provide necessary caution sign boards, rumble strips etc. on National Highways.

(d) The National Highways are generally maintained in a traffic worthy condition and their improvement is taken up in a phased manner, keeping in view the traffic intensity, existing condition of the Highway, *inter-se* priority on an All India basis and funds available for the purpose. Keeping in view the traffic intensity and in order to ensure free and fast flow of traffic, 352 kms. of National Highways have already been widened to four lane.