

**Communal Riots**

10611. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of communal riots which took place during the past four months, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) whether there has been decrease in the number of communal riots in Uttar Pradesh during the past four months as compared to last six months of 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Barring a few incidents of communal violence, there has not been any major communal riot during the past four months in the country.

(b) Not only there has been no major riot in Uttar Pradesh during the last four months, even the incidents of communal violence in these four months have been much less as compared to the last six months of the year 1987.

**Financial Assistance to Ex-servicemen  
in Uttar Pradesh**

10612. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen in Almora and Pithoragarh districts in Uttar Pradesh and the number of the ex-servicemen out of them, who have applied for financial assistance under various heads during the last three years;

(b) whether the applications for financial assistance have been accepted; and

(c) if so, the year-wise number of the applications so accepted and the total amount of assistance granted each year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) According to the information available, there are 47,049 ex-servicemen in Almora district and 65,450 in Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh. Out of them, the number of applicants for financial assistance out of Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund and War Bereaved Fund during the last three years is 318 from Almora district and 66 from Pithoragarh district.

(b) and (c). The details of requests accepted and the amount involved are as follows :

Year	District	No. of requests accepted	Amount (Rs.)
<i>(i) Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund</i>			
1985-86	Almora	43	60,630
	Pithoragarh	8	12,680
1986-87	Almora	67	1,08,280
	Pithoragarh	7	5,820
1987-88	Almora	102	1,50,940
	Pithoragarh	15	25,860
<i>(ii) War Bereaved Fund</i>			
1985-86	Almora	1	2,000
	Pithoragarh	1	5,000