

Press Note

The 1984 Sikh riots is a dark spot in the history of the country wherein thousands of innocent persons belonging to the Sikh Community were brutally massacred, dislocated & destroyed economically. Though a number of relief packages were announced by the Govt. of India and the State Govts, there are several instances where the relief measures announced have not reached despite 38 years having elapsed.

Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman of National Commission for Minorities, since October 2021, has been pursuing with several State Governments including Delhi, through letters and video conference meetings with the Chief Secretaries of States, seeking details of victims, cases registered, number of families affected, persons convicted, property damaged and details of compensation and relief, including job, provided to the families of the victims. NCM also sought details of the compliance of Ministry of Home Affairs OM dated 16.01.2006 & 16.12.2014 regarding grant of compensation of the amounts of Rs. 3.5 lakhs & Rs. 5 lakhs in additionality by the State Government as ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased person who died during 1984 Anti Sikh riots.

The Govt. of NCT of Delhi, office of Divisional Commissioner (Relief Branch) in pursuance of above mentioned circulars have, through a Public Notice invited applications from affected persons for claim of enhanced compensation of Rs 5 lakhs from those who had already received ex-gratia of Rs 3.5 lakhs relief as per MHA circular of 16.01.2006 and have not received enhanced compensation of Rs 5 lakhs till date.
