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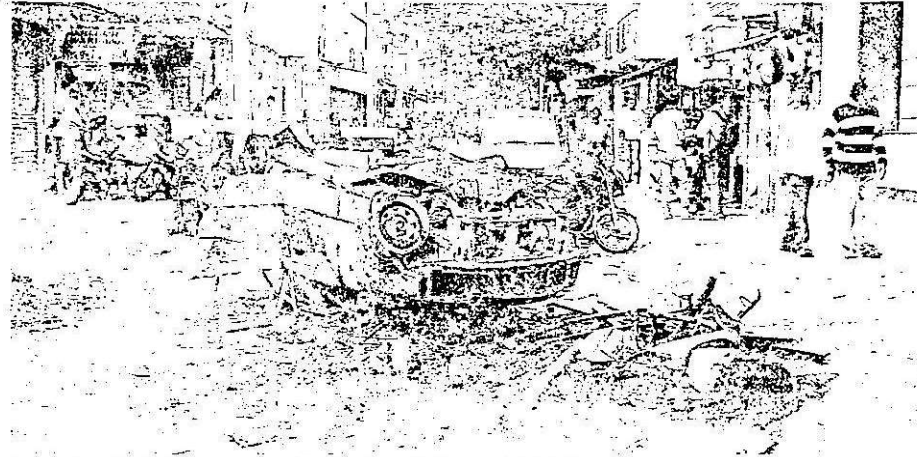
D.J. Halli violence: Only 3 applications seeking redressal for property damage

Claims commissioner appeals to other affected persons to submit their applications

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Claims commissioner for D.J. Halli violence Justice (retd.) H.S. Kempanna appealed to people who suffered property damage in the August 11, 2020 violence to submit their applications to the Commission. While February 28 is the last date for submitting applications for damage claims, Justice Kempanna said his office had received only three applications so far.

More than 50 FIRs have been filed in D.J. Halli and K.G. Halli police stations for property damage during the violence. Interestingly, Pulikeshi Nagar MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, whose home was partially burnt down by a violent mob on the fateful night, is also yet to make an application claiming damages, sources said.



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"We have taken several measures to create awareness about the process. We have given advertisements in newspapers and put up posters in D.J. Halli and K.G. Halli. But the response has been lukewarm. I appeal to people

who have suffered damages to submit their applications to us. We will get it independently valued by valuers and submit a report to the High Court, which will take measures to recover damages from the individuals and

organisations found culpable for violence," said Justice Kempanna.

Applicants need to submit details of the police report, evidence if any with their particulars as part of the application. He added extend-

ing the deadline to submit applications was also being considered.

Violence broke out in D.J. Halli and neighbouring K.G. Halli over a provocative post against Islam on August 11, 2020 night. D.J. Halli police station and the local MLA's house came under attack by a violent mob, apart from several vehicles at multiple locations being burnt down and damage to property.

Police have filed 75 FIRs, of which two cases that invoked Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act are being probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Most of the remaining cases pertain to property damage during the violence.

The Karnataka High Court had appointed Justice Kempanna as the claims commissioner in the case later that month.