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Title : Need to raise an Ahirwal Regiment in Indian Army.

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV (ALWAR): Sir, infantry regiments in the Army are based on respective castes and are designated as Sikh, Jat, Dogra, Rajput, Maratha etc. The other regiments are based on provinces and regions, for example, Madras, Punjab, Bihar, Naga, Ladakh Scouts, J&K Light Infantry etc. The only major marshal community left out by the British was Ahir/Yadav perhaps because of their major role in the war of independence in 1857.

Ahirs/Yadavs comprise more than 15 per cent of country's population and this race has given good account of themselves in various battlefields. Honorary Capt. Umrao Singh was awarded Victoria Cross in World War II and Cdr. Yoginder Singh the Paramveer Chakra in Kargil War. The Battle of Razangla in Ladakh in 1962 fought by brave Yadav soldiers is one of the great examples of bravery.

It is, therefore, urged upon the Minister of Defence to name a regiment as Ahir or Ahirwal Regiment in the Indian Army.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Smt. Krishna Tirath - not present.

Shri Chandra Mani Tripathi - not present.