GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*34

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER, 2014/AGRAHAYANA 4, 1936 (SAKA)

REPEAL OF AFSPA

*34. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY: SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the recommendations made by the Justice Jeevan Reddy Committee constituted to review the provisions contained in the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA);
- (b) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether there is any demand for repeal of the AFSPA; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 FOR 25.11.2014.

- (a) The salient feature of the recommendations made by the Justice Jeevan Reddy Committee in its report submitted to the Government on 06.06.2005 are as under:-
 - (i) Repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).
 - (ii) Amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by inserting a new Chapter VI-A in respect of North Eastern Statges so as to provide for provisions contained in Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.
- (b) The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.
- (c) Representations have been received from time to time from different organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations from Manipur for withdrawal and also from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for phased withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.
- (d) Several insurgent/militant groups are operating in the North East Region and Jammu & Kashmir with cross-border support challenging the sovereignty and integrity of the Nation. Decisions on matters concerning security of the Nation are taken, keeping in view the ground realities.