

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1883

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST, 2016/ SRAVANA 12, 1938 SAKA)

WITHDRAWAL OF AFSPA FROM MANIPUR

1883. SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comment made by the Supreme Court that the indefinite deployment of armed forces in the name of restoring normalcy under Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) would mock at our democratic process and is indicative of the failure of the civil administration and the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in such a situation, whether Government would consider the withdrawal of AFSPA particularly from Manipur at the earliest possible?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has made the comment in its judgement, dated 08.07.2016, passed in the matter of writ petition (criminal) No. 129 of 2012, extra Judicial Execution Victim Families Association.

(c): AFSPA is reviewed periodically and an objective assessment of the ground situation is made in consultation with security agencies and the concerned state Governments. The declaration of disturbed area under AFSPA in case of Manipur has been issued by the State Govt.