

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1895

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

FAKE ENCOUNTERS IN MANIPUR

1895. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court while deciding to order a probe into 1528 cases of alleged fake encounters in Manipur in last 20 years, questioned the indefinite continuation of AFSPA even after almost sixty years of its imposition;

(b) whether a court mandated Commission headed by former Judge Santosh Hegde had examined six random cases involving seven killings allegedly by security forces and found them fake; and

(c) whether the apex court has asked four stakeholders - the civil society in Manipur, the insurgents, the State of Manipur and the Government of India to work towards a lasting and peaceful solution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c) : Yes sir, the Supreme Court of India, vide its Judgement dated 8.7.2016 passed in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 129 of 2012, reiterating the view expressed by the Constitution Bench of Apex Court including upholding the constitutionality of AFSPA in Naga People's Movement of Human Rights, inter-alia, observed that State of Manipur is facing

insurgency problems and internal disturbance since 1958 and an allegation of excessive force resulting in the death of any person by the Manipur Police or the armed forces in Manipur must be thoroughly enquired into. The Supreme Court also noted that all the six cases of encounters examined by the three-member Commission headed by Justice N Santosh Hegdewere not genuine. The Supreme Court further observed that it is high time that concerted and sincere efforts are continuously made by the four stakeholders – civil society in Manipur, the insurgents, the State of Manipur and the Government of India to find a lasting and peaceful solution to the festering problem, with a little consideration from all quarters.
