

Garo Hills must come forward to appeal not to impose AFSPA



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With the recent announcement of [Meghalaya](#) High Court to direct Centre to impose [AFSPA](#) in the [Garo Hills](#) area is very unfortunate. Save Sharmila Solidarity Campaign, with due respect to honorable high court of [Meghalaya](#), appeals the high court to review its decision. SSSC also appeals to centre, not to impose [AFSPA](#) at any other place and to avoid making common people [victims](#) of such harsh laws.

SSSC also see that it is the same time when numerous protests and events were going on in [India](#) and abroad to mark 15 years of heroic struggle of Irom Sharmila, it should also be noted that it is 15th [anniversary](#) of Malom massacre where justice has not been delivered till yet. Not only these, but even many other cases are still under jurisdiction of law and waiting for justice in different courts of [North East as](#) well [as](#) in Supreme Court. All these cases tell a history of atrocities that had happened in the veil of [AFSPA](#) because of unchecked unlimited powers.

SSSC believe that though the concerns are genuine, but not the remedy. imposing [AFSPA](#) can have more grave effects on the situation. At present, common population is affected with anti-[state](#) insurgencies, but with imposing this act, there is a possibility of happening the same , though may be lesser ways, by centrally deployed forces.

Convener of Save Sharmila Solidarity Campaign, Ravi Nitesh said ' We also appeal to high court that it must ask to State of [Meghalaya](#) to take responsibilities in more serious ways and to take action in this regard through direction to [state](#) government to deploy more numbers of security personals [as](#) well [as](#) to resolve the issues through all possible ways. On the other hand, we also appeal that even if situation seems out of control, paramilitary forces should be first choice instead of having full deployment of army with an act like [AFSPA](#). We also appeal common people and peoples' representatives, local political [leaders](#) and civil society organisations to come forward to appeal for the same.'

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