

Government Extends AFSPA in Manipur Amidst Ethnic Clashes



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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, to six police stations across five districts in Manipur. This decision, effective immediately, will remain in place until March 31, 2025.

The affected areas include Sekmai, Lamsang, Lamalai, Jiribam, Leimakhong, and Moirang police stations in Imphal West, Imphal East, Jiribam, Kangpokpi, and Bishnupur districts. The extension is aimed at empowering security forces to conduct coordinated operations and address the ongoing ethnic violence and insurgent activity in the region.

The MHA's decision follows a comprehensive review of the security situation in Manipur, which continues to be volatile with intermittent gunfire and insurgent involvement in violent acts. The government believes that the imposition of AFSPA is necessary to maintain law and order and safeguard the lives of citizens.

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