

Manipur rights bodies demand govt support in CBI probe



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Human [rights](#) organisations on Friday called upon all concerned and the [Manipur](#) government to extend full cooperation to the CBI inquiry into 85 cases of alleged extrajudicial killings that took place in the [state](#) between 1979 and 2012.

A discussion on imposition of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act ([AFSPA](#)) in [Manipur](#) was held at [Manipur](#) Press Club jointly organized by the Extra-Judicial Execution Victim [Families](#) Association Manipur (EEVFAM), Human Rights Alert (HRA) and United NGOs Mission-[Manipur](#) (UNMM).

“We appeal to all concerned and the [state](#) government as well to extend full cooperation to the CBI inquiry to help ensure delivery of justice to the [victims](#) and their families,” said HRA Executive Director Babloo Loitongbam during the meet to review prolonged enforcement of [AFSPA](#) in [Manipur](#).

[AFSPA](#) was enacted in 1958 to bring under control what the government of [India](#) considered 'disturbed' areas.

On July 14, 2017, the Supreme Court ordered the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) within two weeks to go through the records of at least 85 cases of alleged extrajudicial killings in [Manipur](#).

The CBI was also told file fresh First Information Reports (FIRs), and complete investigations where required. The apex court also directed the agency that the investigations must be completed by December 31, 2017.

On July 27, 2017, the CBI constituted a five-member Special Investigating Team in accordance with the Supreme Court's directions.

During Friday's discussion four key resolutions were adopted by the human [rights](#) bodies, which included fresh [demands](#) for removal of [AFSPA](#) and Disturbed Area Status from [Manipur](#), seeking of witnesses to give evidence to the inquiry into the 85 cases of extrajudicial killings by the CBI, extending full cooperation by the families of all [victims](#) and early disposal of the long-pending cases of Sanjit and Rabina.

The Apunba [Manipur](#) Kanba Lup (AMKIL) president Sakhi and several important persons attended the discussion.

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