

Yes to AFSPA no to UN seat



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Can [India](#) get permanent berth in the [UN](#) security? The answer is simply no. But why? Its because of the Arms Forces (Special Powers) [Act](#). This is more or less of what Save Sharmila Solidarity Campaign believes. The [NGO](#)'s observation is different. Here is the full text:

Irom Sharmila appeared in the Delhi Court on Tuesday and Wednesday for the trial of the 2006 Jantar Mantar Case where Delhi Police lodged a case [against](#) her in section 309 of attempt to suicide. During the hearing, she reiterated her truth that she is not committing suicide. She is not taking life; instead she is appealing to protect the right to life. In the hearing, she also reiterated the undemocratic and draconian effects of [AFSPA](#) and appealed for its repeal. SSSC volunteers met her during her court appearance.

SSSC considers these hearings [as](#) a way of suppression of voices of human [rights](#). Everybody knows that fast of Irom sharmila is for a public cause, yet lodging her in jail with the reason of attempt to suicide, is a judicial [failure](#) and disrespect of human [rights](#) of world's largest democracy. [As](#) Irom Sharmila also said in her statement, that at a time when [India](#) is advocating to ensure its permanent seat in [UN](#), continuing with laws like [AFSPA](#) is extreme contradiction. Ravi Nitesh, Convener of Save Sharmila Solidarity Campaign told that If [India](#) is really serious to be known at global [level](#) with powers to take part in [policy](#) making and advisory for global issues through [UN](#), it must have first and primary requirement of respecting human [rights](#). SSSC supports Irom Sharmila in all her endeavor and struggle.

It is known through reports of government-appointed committees and national and international human [rights](#)' organisations that [AFSPA](#) is discriminatory and a kind of unconstitutional and harsh act that provides extraordinary powers to security forces in disturbed regions, without asking for any accountability. These unstopped uses of powers by security forces have been used in serious situations of violations of human [rights](#). By this act, security forces [start](#) behaving like criminals who have unchecked powers and accountability.

Save Sharmila Solidarity Campaign, that is continuously working since last many years [against AFSPA](#) also advocates for its repeal from all areas. The campaign keeps its faith upon non violence struggle of Irom Sharmila and considers her [as](#) its [leader](#). SSSC has worked nationwide in last years to highlight struggle of Irom Sharmila and have organised numerous events, public demonstrations and other activities in almost all states of [India](#) and in few other countries to advocate Repeal of [AFSPA](#) from all regions, including [state](#) of [North East](#) Region and of J&K, SSSC believes that its struggle is [against state](#) repression that anyone can see through [AFSPA](#) that is imposed in J&K and states of North [east](#) region, and therefore struggle will continue [against](#) all human [rights](#) violations by security forces in these regions.

There have been many incidents of brutal mass-rapes that have been reported in past and justice still eludes the [victims](#). This has been proved not only by human [rights](#)' organisations but also by government-appointed committees.

The organization [demands](#) immediate measures to repeal [AFSPA](#). Keeping [AFSPA](#) in [Manipur](#) and in J&K is [against](#) the will and future of [state](#). For [Manipur](#), [state](#) leadership of central ruled party was already promised repeal of [AFSPA](#).

SSSC believes that [AFSPA](#) that was extended to J&K vide [AFSPA](#)-J&K, should be repealed [as](#) victimisation and sufferings cannot be looked separately. A human [rights](#) violation is always a violation of human [rights](#) regardless of region. In J&K, so many incidents of killings, rapes and disappearances have already been reported and evidences were provided even before courts [against](#) many security officials, but due to impunity under [AFSPA](#) (section [7](#)), nothing could be done [against](#) culprits.

SSSC also see that enjoying such an impunity that [AFSPA](#) provides is actually a corruption and it is absolutely not required for any responsible, honest and committed security force personals. In contrary, it becomes dangerous [as](#) such absolute powers divert the [normal](#) way of working of personals. SSSC appeals with the [state](#) and central government to immediately act upon this long pending demand of Repeal [AFSPA](#). [AFSPA](#) is a failed law.

The demand to repeal [AFSPA](#) is not only at national [level](#) but also at a global [level](#) with international human [rights](#)’ organisations and activists advocating for it. At this time when [India](#) is being honored globally, this undemocratic and inhuman act is also working to tarnish this image. SSSC will continue its efforts and will be organising protests and active campaigning in coming months for advocating Repeal of [AFSPA](#) from every where.

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