

Q: Do you think that repealing Armed Forces Special Powers Act will strengthen the foundation of Indian Constitution? Comment.

Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) is enacted to counteract the insurgency in the North Eastern States.

AFSPA is applicable to Nagaland, Manipur, Districts bordering Assam etc. The Act gives enormous powers to the Security Personnel to open fire in case of suspicion.

However, the act comes with numerous controversy. Life of innocent civilians have been lost. Women alleges Security Personnel of raping them.

Repeal of this Act would restore dignity of women. Also the safeguards provided in the Constitution for prevention detention can be used for arresting the

insurgency movements. Also, freedom of speech and expression and freedom to form association can be curtailed only if it endangers public order.

Therefore, since AFSPA has been the most controversial Act in India, better constitutional methods should be used to arrest the insurgents. Wise application of the force should be done to safeguard the loss of innocent lives.