

AFSPA will continue in Nagaland: Rijiju

Nagaland is a special case...the peace agreement has not come about yet. There are many underground factions as well. There are issues like rivalry among different factions...I cannot say about the future policy," Mr. Rijiju said. On April 1, the Home Ministry revoked AFSPA in Meghalaya and restricted it to eight police stations instead of 16 in Arunachal Pradesh.

In the case of Assam (excluding areas covered by the Guwahati municipality) and Manipur (except seven Assembly constituencies in Imphal) the respective State governments exercise the right.

As per the Home Ministry's data, in the northeast, there has been a reduction of 96% in casualties among the security forces from 289 in 1997 to 12 in 2017. Civilian casualties also dropped by 96% from 907 in 2,000 to 37 last year.

The year 2017 recorded the lowest insurgency incidents.

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