

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

### **Towards Democratic Peace, Reconciliation and Ending Armed Violence Assessing the Call to Repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958**

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 September 2010

**Venue:** Conference Room I, India International Centre

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

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Timing	Programme Schedule
9: 00 am	Registration

<b>Timing</b> <b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Inaugural Session I</b> Chair: <b>Lt Gen (retd.) Dr B S Malik</b> , President, Control Arms Foundation of India
9. 45 am	Welcome & Introduction by <b>Ms Binalakshmi Nepram</b> , Founder, Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network; Secretary-General, Control Arms Foundation of India
9.55 am	Lighting of a lamp by <b>Ima Sinam Chandragini</b> from Malom Village, Manipur who lost two sons in Malom Massacre of November 2000
10.15 am	Address by <b>Dr Michael Koeberlein</b> , Director, Heinrich Boell Foundation
10.30 am	Chief Guest Address by <b>Shri Soli Sorabjee</b> , Former Attorney General of India
10.45 am	Address by <b>Mr Yambem Laba</b> , Former Member Manipur Human Rights Commission
11.00 am	Address by <b>Lt General (retd) V.R. Raghavan</b> , Director, Delhi Policy Group (DPG) President, Centre for Security Analysis (tbc)
11.15 am	Tea Break

<b>Timing</b> 11.30 am	<b>Session II: Background and Assessing the Impact of 52 years of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958</b> Chair: <b>Shri EN Rammohan</b> , Former Director General of the Border Security Force
11.45 am	"Origins of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 and Impunity of Human Rights Violation under AFSPA" by <b>Ms. Meenakshi Ganguly</b> , South Asia Director, Human Rights Watch
12.00 am	"AFSPA: Is the review necessary?" by <b>Dr. N Manoharan</b> , Senior Research Fellow,

	Centre for Land Warfare Studies
12.15 am	“The Armed Forces Special Powers Act contravenes both Indian and International law standards” by Ms <b>Anjuman Ara Begum</b> , Research Scholar, Guwahati University
12.30 pm	ICRC’s Statement by <b>Mr. Christopher Harland</b> , Legal Advisor, ICRC Regional Delegation for South Asia
12.45 pm	Statement by <b>Lt General (retd) Dr BS Malik</b>
01.00pm	Questions from the floor
01.10 pm	Lunch Break

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Session III - AFSPA : What is the way out ? A Holy Book or National Security Tyranny?</b> Chair: <b>Mr Pushkar Raj</b> , General Secretary, People’s Union for Civil Liberties
2. 00pm	
2. 15 pm	“AFSPA: A Soldier’s Perspective” by Colonel Utkarsh Rathore (tbc)
2. 30 pm	Testimony: 10 Years of Fasting by Irom Sharmila, killing of Thangjam Manorama and Impact of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 on Women of Manipur ” by <b>Mrs Lourembam Nganbi</b> , President, Apunba Nupi Lup (ANUL), Vice President Apunba Manipur Kanba Ima Lup (AMKIL)
2. 45 pm	Presentation by <b>Mr Ravinder Pal Singh</b> , Defence Analyst
3. 00 pm	“20 Years of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Jammu & Kashmir” by <b>Mr. Iftikar Gilani</b> , Editor, Kashmir Times
3.15 pm	Questions from floor

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Concluding Session: Suggestions and way forward</b>
3. 30 pm	Chair: <b>Mr. Colin Gonsalves</b> , Director, Human Rights Law Network (tbc)
3. 45 pm	Address by <b>Shri Sharifuddin Shariq</b> , Member of Parliament from Jammu and Kashmir
4. 00 pm	Address by <b>Shri Dr. Thokchom Meinya</b> , Member of Parliament from Manipur (tbc)
4. 15 pm	Valedictory Address by <b>Mr Siddharth Varadarajan</b> , Chief of National Bureau, The Hindu
4. 30 pm	Passing of New Delhi Resolution on Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958
4.50 pm	Thank you note by Ms. Mary Khuvung, Programme Coordinator, Control Arms Foundation of India
5.00 pm	Tea

*For any questions and participation, please contact the following*

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