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## Gujarat passes anti-love jihad Bill

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AFTER Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat became the third state to clear a Bill seeking to penalise forcible or fraudulent religious conversion by marriage.

All the three states are under the rule of BJP. Similarly, Haryana and Karnataka governments have also given hints of introducing a similar law.

On Thursday, the Gujarat Legislative Assembly passed the Bill that seeks to amend the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003.

Legislative Affairs Minister

Pradeepsinh Jadeja tabled the Bill in the Assembly.

The Bill has provision for 3 to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh if the accused is found guilty.

The new 'love jihad' law will invite a jail term of five years and ₹2 lakh penalty on the forced conversion of women. If the victim is a minor, a woman, a Dalit or tribal, then the offenders may be punished with a jail term of 4-7 years and a fine of not less than ₹3 lakh.

When it comes to an organisation found violating the law,

the person in charge can be sentenced to minimum of 3 years and maximum of 10 years in jail.

Moreover, the provisions say that the burden to prove that a religious conversion was not affected through misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or any other fraudulent means shall lie on the accused and his or her facilitators.

The offence of such religious conversion through marriage shall be considered cognisable and non-bailable.