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**RS passes bill to
punish those attacking
healthcare workers**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: ^{20/9/20} Rajya Sabha on Saturday passed a Bill providing for up to seven years jail for those attacking doctors and healthcare workers involved in the fight against Covid-19 or any instance similar to the current pandemic.

The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020, to replace an ordinance issued on April 22 attracted support from all quarters though demands were raised to bring sanitary staff, ASHA workers and Covid-19 warriors in emergency services like police.

The government had promulgated the ordinance amid rising incidents of attack on doctors and healthcare workers amid the pandemic. It had aimed to make such attacks a non-bailable offence with provisions of a penalty and a jail term of up to seven years.

Under the Bill, the commission or abetment of such violence will be punishable with imprisonment for a term of three months to five years, and with a fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs two lakh. In case of causing grievous hurt, the imprisonment shall be for a term of six months to seven years and with a fine of Rs 1,00,000 to Rs 5,00,000.

Moving a statutory resolution opposing the issuance of the ordinance, CPI Parliamentary Party leader Binoy Viswam highlighted that many hospitals are not providing adequate medical supplies and PPE kits are not being given. Congress Deputy Leader ...
engaged in Covid-19 duties should also be brought under the ambit of the Bill.

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