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M.P. Cabinet approves anti-conversion Bill

There is provision of three to 10 years of imprisonment and fine of ₹50,000 in cases of marriage carried out by hiding religion, misrepresentation or impersonation.

In case of mass conversions (of two or more persons), a provision of five to 10 years of imprisonment and a minimum fine of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ lakh has been made, Mr. Mishra said.

Repeat offenders would face five to 10 years of imprisonment, he said, adding that the registration of any

organisation involved in such violation would be cancelled. Religious conversion in violation of this law would be considered null and void, he said.

Parents, legal guardian or custodian and brothers and sisters of the converted person can lodge a complaint.

Offences would be investigated by an officer not lower than a sub-inspector's rank, and it would be the responsibility of the accused to prove his innocence, the Minister said.

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