



Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022

why in the news

On March 4, 2022, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij introduced the 'Haryana Unlawful Conversion Prevention Bill, 2022' in the budget session of the Legislative Assembly.

key points

- With the passage of this bill, Haryana will become the seventh state in the country to enact a law against forced conversions.
- In this bill, three categories of punishment have been created against those who forcibly convert.
- If conversion is done by allurements, use of force, fraudulent means or coercion, then there is a provision for imprisonment of one to five years and a fine of not less than one lakh rupees.
- A person who hides his religion with the intention of marriage, has been given a punishment of not less than three years and a maximum of ten years of imprisonment and a fine of three lakh rupees.
- Similarly, a provision of imprisonment of not less than five years and a maximum of ten years along with a fine of four lakh rupees.
- It is noteworthy that before Haryana, this law has been made in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

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