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MP assembly
passes 'love
jihad' bill

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Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh assembly on Monday passed the MP Freedom of Religion Bill 2021 -- the so-called 'love jihad' law -- by voice vote amid chants of 'Jai Shri Ram'. The bill aims to check religious conversions through fraudulent means and contains provisions of 10 years of imprisonment and hefty fines.

MP home minister Naroottam Mishra hailed the passing of the bill on Women's Day and said the government was "not against love but jihad". "We are against every such form of love that leads to 'jihad', hurts our sentiments and puts our daughters at risk. We are happy that the bill was cleared by the House on Women's Day that too when a woman, Jhuma Solanki, was in the chair in the House," Mishra told reporters in the assembly.