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## Triple talaq Bill back in LS amid Oppn protest

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Amid Opposition protest, the government on Friday introduced the contentious triple talaq Bill, which proposes to criminalise the practice of instant divorce among Muslims.

The Congress and other Opposition MPs contested the introduction of the legislative proposal in the Lok Sabha, while arguing that the Bill should first be referred to a committee for wider consultations. With the Opposition persisting, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla ac-

ceded to demands for division of votes on the introduction of the Bill. With 186 members supporting and 74 opposing it, the Speaker allowed the introduction of the Bill.

Union Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, while introducing the Bill, argued that the people have elected the government to make laws. He said the Bill aims to ensure justice for women from the Muslim community.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor claimed that the proposal is a text-book example of class discrimination against Muslims.

