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## Parliament passes triple talaq bill finally

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PARLIAMENT on Monday passed the contentious triple talaq bill with 99 votes in its favour and 84 against it in the Rajya Sabha. What paved the way for its smooth passage was many NDA allies and foes choosing to abstain or walking out after registering their opposition to the criminality clause in the bill.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 that prohibits divorce by pronouncing talaq thrice in one go and making it a criminal offence, was put to vote after a five-hour debate. The Opposition's motions for vetting by a select committee were rejected during voting.

NDA allies JD (U) and AIADMK staged a walkout but TRS, BSP and TDP abstained from voting, thus bringing down the majority mark. The opposition failed to keep its flock together and some of its lawmakers failed to turn up

for voting. Among the abstainers were five Congress MPs, including Vivek Tanka and Pratap Bajwa, NCP's Sharad Pawar and Praful Patel and two from SP.

During the term of the last Lok Sabha, the bill had been blocked twice in the Rajya Sabha as the NDA didn't have the numbers. Deft floor management this time helped the BJP see it through.

Lauding the passage of the bill, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "An archaic and medieval practice has finally been confined to dustbin of history! Parliament abolishes Triple Talaq and corrects a historical wrong done to Muslim women. This is a victory of gender justice and will further equality in society. India rejoices today!"

While the Opposition accused the government of targeting the Muslim community, the government said the Opposition was pandering to vote bank politics.