

**COURT NO. 1/ITEM 31**  
**WP (CRL) 428/2020**

**Chart showing Pari Materia provisions of Anti- Conversion Laws in 9 States**

SR No.	STATE LEGISLATION	PROHIBITED MEANS OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSION	WHO CAN FILE A COMPLAINT	PUNISHMENT	POSITION OF MARRIAGES	BURDEN OF PROOF	WHETHER COGNIZABLE AND BAILABLE	REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
1.	<b>CHHATTISGARH</b> Chhattisgarh Dharma Swantantraya Adhiniyam [Freedom of Religion] Act, 1968 (amended in 2006)	By force, fraudulent means, allurement <b>(Section 3)</b> Exemption on reconversion to ancestral or original religion <b>(Proviso to Section 2(b))</b>	Not specified	<u>Imprisonment-</u> Up to 3 years <u>Fine-</u> Up to INR 20,000/- <b>(Section 4)</b>	Not applicable	Not specified	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 6)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Permission to be taken from District Magistrate <u>Time:</u> 30 days in advance <b>(Section 5)</b>
2.	<b>GUJARAT</b> Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003 (amended in 2021)	By force, fraudulent means, allurement, marriage <b>(Section 3)</b>	Any aggrieved person, his parents, brother, sister or any other person related by blood, marriage or adoption <b>(Section 3A)</b>	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 3-5 years <u>Fine-</u> Atleast INR 2,00,000/- <b>(Section 4A)</b>	Marriage will be void <b>(Section 4B)</b>	On the accused and the facilitator (if applicable) <b>(Section 6A)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 7)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> District Magistrate of the District <u>Time:</u> not specified <b>(Section 5)</b>

3.	<b>HARYANA</b> The Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2022	By fraud, misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, marriage <b>(Section 3)</b>	Aggrieved person/parents/brother/sister/officer authorized by the Government or with leave of the Court, a person related by blood, marriage or adoption, guardianship or custodianship <b>(Section 4)</b>	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 1-5 years <u>Fine-</u> INR 1,00,000/- or more <b>(Section 12)</b>	If concealment of religion is there then the marriage would be null and void <b>(Section 5)</b>	On the accused <b>(Section 15)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 16)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> District Magistrate of the District <u>Time:</u> not specified <b>(Section 9)</b>
4.	<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b> Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2019	By use of misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, inducement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage <b>(Section 3)</b> Exemption on reconversion to parent religion <b>(Proviso to Section 3)</b>	Not specified	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 1-5 years <u>Fine-</u> amount not specified <b>(Section 4)</b>	Marriage will be null and void <b>(Section 5)</b>	Person who has converted and the facilitator (if applicable) <b>(Section 12)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 13)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Declaration to be given to the District Magistrate or the Executive Magistrate specially authorized by District Magistrate

								<u>Time:</u> 30 days in advance <b>(Section 7)</b>
5.	<b>JHARKHAND</b> Freedom of Religion Act, 2017	By force, fraudulent means, allurement <b>(Section 3)</b>	Not specified	<u>Imprisonment-</u> Up to 3 years <u>Fine-</u> Up to INR 50,000/- <b>(Section 4)</b>	Not applicable	Not specified	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 6)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Permission of the District Magistrate of the District has to be taken <u>Time:</u> not specified <b>(Section 5)</b>
6.	<b>KARNATAKA</b> Protection of Freedom of Religion Act, 2022	By misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by promise of marriage <b>(Section 3)</b> Exemption on reconversion to immediate previous religion <b>(Proviso to Section 3)</b>	Any converted person, his parents, brother, sister or any other person who is related to him by blood, marriage or adoption or in any form associated or colleague <b>(Section 4)</b>	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 3-5 years <u>Fine-</u> INR 25,000/- <b>(Section 5)</b>	Marriage will be null and void <b>(Section 6)</b>	On the accused and the facilitator (if applicable) <b>(Section 12)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 7)</b>	<b>Section 8</b> <u>When to report:</u> Before Conversion  <u>Authority</u> District Magistrate of the District or the Additional District Magistrate specially authorized by the District Magistrate <u>Timeline:</u>

								<p>Thirty days in advance</p> <p><b><u>Section 9</u></b>  <u>When to report:</u>  After conversion  <u>Authority:</u>  Declaration to be given to the District Magistrate of the District or the Additional District Magistrate specially authorized by the District Magistrate  <u>Time: Within 30 days</u></p>
7.	<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b> The Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2021	By fraud, misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, marriage <b>(Section 3)</b>	Any aggrieved person under Section 3 or parents/brother sister or with leave of the Court, a person related by blood, marriage or	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 1-5 years <u>Fine-</u> Not less than INR 25,000/- <b>(Section 5)</b>	Marriage will be null and void <b>(Section 6)</b>	On the accused <b>(Section 12)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 13)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Declaration to be given to the District Magistrate <u>Time: 60 days in advance</u> <b>(Section 10)</b>

			adoption, guardianship or custodianship <b>(Section 4)</b>					
8.	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b> Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021	By fraud, misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, marriage <b>(Section 3)</b> Exemption on reconversion to immediate previous religion <b>(Section 3)</b>	Any aggrieved person or parents/brother sister/ anybody related to the aggrieved by blood, marriage or adoption <b>(Section 4)</b>	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 1-5 years <u>Fine-</u> not less than INR 15,000/- <b>(Section 5)</b>	Marriage will be declared void <b>(Section 6)</b>	On the accused and the facilitator (if applicable) <b>(Section 12)</b>	Cognizable and non-bailable <b>(Section 7)</b>	<b><u>Section 8</u></b> <u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Declaration to be to the District Magistrate or the Additional District Magistrate specially authorized by District Magistrate <u>Time:</u> 60 days in advance <b><u>Section 9</u></b> <u>When to report:</u> Post Conversion <u>Authority:</u> District Magistrate <u>Time:</u> Within sixty days

9.	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b> Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act, 2018	By fraud, misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, marriage <b>(Section 3)</b> Exemption on reconversion to ancestral religion <b>(Proviso to Section 3)</b>	Any aggrieved person under Section 3 or parents/brother sister <b>(Section 4)</b>	<u>Imprisonment-</u> 1-5 years <u>Fine-</u> amount not specified <b>(Section 5)</b>	Marriage will be null and void <b>(Section 6)</b>	Person who has converted and the facilitator (if applicable) <b>(Section 13)</b>	Non-bailable <b>(Section 14)</b>	<u>When to report:</u> Before conversion <u>Authority:</u> Declaration to be given to the District Magistrate or the Executive Magistrate specially authorized by District Magistrate <u>Time:</u> 1 month in advance <b>(Section 8)</b>
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