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# मध्यप्रदेश राजपत्र

## ( असाधारण )

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मध्यप्रदेश के राज्यपाल के नाम से तथा आदेशानुसार,

राजेश यादव, अपर सचिव.

## MADHYA PRADESH BILL

No.12 OF 2013

**THE MADHYA PRADESH DHARMA SWATANTRYA (SANSHODHAN) VIDHEYAK, 2013****A Bill to amend the Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya Adhiniyam, 1968.**

Be it enacted by the Madhya Pradesh Legislature in the sixty-fourth year of the Republic of India as follows :—

- Short title and commencement.** 1. (1) This Act may be called the Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2013.
- (2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the “Madhya Pradesh Gazette”.
- Substitution of Section 4.** 2. For Section 4 of the Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya Adhiniyam, 1968 (No. 27 of 1968) (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), the following Section shall be substituted, namely :—
- Punishment for contravention of the provisions of Section 3.** “4. Whoever contravenes the provisions of Section 3 shall, without prejudice to any civil liability, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees or with both :
- Provided that whoever contravenes the provisions of Section 3 in respect of a minor, a woman or a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees or with both.”.
- Substitution of Section 5.** 3. For Section 5 of the Principal Act, the following Section shall be substituted, namely :—
- “5. (1) Whoever converts any person from one religion to another either by performing any ceremony by himself for such conversion as a religious priest or takes part directly or indirectly in such ceremony shall take prior permission for such proposed conversion from the District Magistrate concerned by applying in such form as may be prescribed.
- (2) The person who is converted shall send an intimation to the District Magistrate of the District concerned in which the ceremony has taken place of the fact of such conversion within such period and in such form as may be prescribed.
- (3) Whoever fails without sufficient cause to comply with the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.”.
- Prior permission to be taken from District Magistrate with respect to conversion.**

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 3 of the Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya Adhiniyam, 1968 (No. 27 of 1968) prohibits conversion of any person from one religious faith to another by the use of force or by allurement or by fraudulent means. Punishment for contravention of the provisions of Section 3 is provided in Section 4, which is lesser. Therefore, it is proposed to enhance the punishment so as to make it stringent. It is also proposed to substitute Section 5 of the principal Act, wherein it is proposed that prior permission to be taken from District Magistrate with respect to conversion of religion so as to prevent conversion of religion made under any pressure or allurement.

2. Hence this Bill.

Bhopal :  
Dated the 28th June, 2013

UMA SHANKAR GUPTA  
Member-in-charge.