



# Mob Violence and Prevention of Mob Lynching Bill, 2021

## Why in News

- On March 17, 2022, Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais returned the **Mob Violence and Prevention of Mob Lynching Bill, 2021** to the state government.

## Key Points

- Governor Ramesh Bais has returned the bill directing to redefine the word 'Mob' in this bill.
- The Governor kept this bill with him for about four months and returned it in consultation with the Law Department.
- Article 200 of the Indian Constitution deals with the powers of the Governor with regard to assent given to bills passed by the State legislature and other powers of the Governor such as reserving the bill for the President's consideration.
- It is noteworthy that in the winter session of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly last year (2021), the Hemant government of the state got it passed by the House and sent it to the Governor for his approval.
- In the Prevention of Mob Lynching Bill, 2021, the state government has made a provision for attachment of property with fine and punishment ranging from three years to life imprisonment.
- In this bill, a provision has been made for the punishment of life imprisonment for the death of someone in mob lynching. Apart from this, there is a provision of punishment ranging from 10 years to life imprisonment for grievous hurt.
- According to the bill, those instigating the mob will also be held guilty and will be given a three-year jail term. Whoever destroys any evidence connected with the offense shall also be deemed to be an offender. Apart from this, provision has been made in this bill to provide compensation to the victim's family and free treatment of the victim.

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