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## **Rajasthan Right to Health Bill, 2022 Passed | Rajasthan | 22 Mar 2023**

### **Why in News?**

On 21 March 2023, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena informed that the state assembly has passed the Rajasthan Right to Health Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

### **Key Points**

- Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena said that the state government had sent this bill to the select committee on the basis of the suggestions of all the members. The suggestions of all the members and doctors have been included in the bill.
  - He said that patients should not be denied treatment in hospitals in the state, that is why the Right to Health Bill has been brought. Under this, in case the cost of treatment in emergency is not borne by the concerned patient, the reimbursement will be done by the state government.
  - Under the Right to Health Bill, the State Health Authority Logistical Complaint has also been constituted. Along with this, the provision of district level authority has also been made.
  - The minister informed that land has been made available to big hospitals at concessional rate by the state government. There is a provision to link these hospitals under the Right to Health Bill.
  - The Medical and Health Minister informed that the state is becoming a model state in the field of health. For this, the state government is spending 7 percent of the budget on the health sector.
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## **Rajasthan Advocates Protection Bill, 2023 Passed in Amended Form | Rajasthan | 22 Mar 2023**

### **Why in News?**

On 21 March 2023, Rajasthan's Law and Legal Affairs Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal said that the state assembly has passed the Rajasthan Advocates Protection Bill, 2023 in amended form to prevent violence against advocates, in which important suggestions are included given by advocates.

### **Key Points**

- Shanti Kumar Dhariwal said that the Rajasthan Advocates Protection Bill, 2023 has been brought to prevent assault, grievous hurt, criminal force and criminal intimidation against any advocate while discharging his duties in the state. With this law, advocates will get protection against violence.
- He said that Rajasthan is the first state where such a law has been brought in the direction of protection of advocates. For the welfare of the advocates, every year Rs 5 crore is given by the State Government to the Bar Council.
- The provisions of the Bill have been prepared after detailed discussions with advocates. In this

regard, the first meeting was held in the year 2019, after which several informal meetings were held to prepare the bill.

- If a criminal damages the property of an advocate, a provision has been made to recover the amount of compensation fixed by the court and give it to the aggrieved advocate. The speedy recovery of this amount of compensation will be done on the lines of arrears of land revenue.
- A provision of punishment of up to 2 years has also been made for misuse of this law by the advocates. Also, Clause 9 of the Rajasthan Advocates Protection Bill, 2023 draft has been deleted.

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