The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019 by a voice vote. The Bill provides a mechanism for social, economic and educational empowerment of transgenders and was passed amid noisy protests by some Opposition parties over Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury not being allowed to speak on his adjournment notice. The protesters came into the well of the House and shouted slogans demanding that PM Modi make a statement about the Kashmir issue.

Meanwhile replying to queries Minister Rattan Lal Kataria said the Bill makes provision for establishing a national authority for safeguarding rights of transgenders.