THIRD SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 19TH OCTOBER, 2001

(Time: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 24 Members were present.

SPEAKER

"Thus says the Lord of hosts, render true judgements, show kindness and mercy each to his brother, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor; and let non of you divice evil against his brother in your heart".

Zachariah 7:9-10

Now, we will take up starred question, we will call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question no. 41.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Election Department be pleased to state starred question no 41-

How many persons were removed from Electoral Roll of Ratu - II in 2001 revision? What is the reason?

SPEAKER

Due to the absence of the concerned Minis-

ter, Pu Tawnluia may give answer to it.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, the reason for removal of some voters from Electoral Roll Revision of 2001 under Ratu II constituency is that they migrated from Ratu to another place. Totally, they were 44 voters.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

Mr. Speaker Sir, those voters were inhabitants of Sunhluchhip grouped at Ratu. When they were deliberated for return, they had returned to Sunhluchhip. Those voters were enrolled latest by 1995.

Mr. Speaker Sir, they were asked to settle down at Sunhluchhip. Some of them refused to shift from there. They were, however, removed from the electoral roll. I feel that it is not the way for the government to take action in such a manner. Mr. Speaker Sir, will the government be pleased to enroll them again in the Electoral Roll?

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:

Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. The same thing had taken place at Tlabung also. In the preparation of Electoral Roll, a number of genu-

ine voters have been removed, why was this done so? Minister may clarify this. Names found in 1956 roll have also been deleted in the new Role.