

**THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1999**  
(Time : 10:30 AM to 1: 00 PM and 2: 00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**PRESENT**

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, 15 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

S P E A K E R : "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD."  
Jeremiah 17 : 7

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."  
Proverb 15 : 1

Now, we will proceed into the business and we will take questions. In regards to supplementary question, the Speaker may fix the number of supplementary question as per Rule No. 39(1) & (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of this Assembly. An adequate time is allotted for raising questions within which you are not asked. You may not ask all questions as your own desire. That's why, the separate question asked in this business should be clearly answered. Although supplementary question is done with Speaker's own power, I will take the will of the House. As practised in most states, more than three supplementary questions are not asked. If we have a number of supplementary question, the more unanswered questions will be there. Do you agree to have only three supplementary questions? Or Will you ask any question or you will ask as much as the will of the Speaker? If I feel that it's clear enough.

P U N I R U P A M C H A K M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the rules permit, we may ask at least five supplementary questions.

S P E A K E R : The rules does not provide at least five supplementary questions. If you see Rule no 39(1) & (3), you will be clear about it.

P U K . T . R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, the supplementary question be asked according to the starred question.

S P E A K E R : Time is open for raising starred question. As such, all of you have separate question. In this connection, other Members want to ask many questions supplementarily. This is not the purview of our Rules.