



*Government of Puducherry*  
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It is about the Government of India exercising its statutory power as laid down under Section 3(3) of the UT Act, which empowers the Central Government to nominate not more than 3 MLAs to the Legislative Assembly of Puducherry. Accordingly Three Persons were nominated by the Central Government and communicated the same to Government of Puducherry. The order then was duly notified by the Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry vide G.O. Ms. No. 43, dated 04-07-2017 and the same was also published in the Extra Ordinary Gazette of Puducherry with due information to Hon'ble Speaker.

After that, the three nominees called on Hon'ble Speaker for oath taking. The Hon'ble Speaker was reportedly evasive to them and gave no time line of oath taking. These Nominees reported the said matter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor in writing saying that they do not know if and when the Speaker would administer the Oath and requested the Lt. Governor to exercise the power as laid down under section 11 of the Government of Union Territories Act to administer the oath. Then they were sworn in by Hon'ble Lt. Governor and due information was sent to Government of India and Hon'ble Speaker of Legislative Assembly.

Today the Speaker's office has returned all these papers saying that 'no communication has been received from competent authority', hence are not bound by the communication sent by LG Secretariat'. This has been informed to Government of India for appropriate action, as the fact remains that the nomination was made by Central Government and duly notified by the Government of Puducherry with due information to Hon'ble Speaker.