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THE Government hopes to table the proposed amendment to Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act (1952) in this Parliament meeting after getting Cabinet approval.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said said the final draft of the amendment is yet to be presented to the Cabinet.

"I hope to bring the amendment in this Parliament meeting and I hope there will not be any objections from the Cabinet when I present the final draft from the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC)," she said in her winding up speech.

Azalina said the AGC together with other ministries and agencies are taking necessary actions to table the amendment for the approval of the Cabinet.

On a question on a moratorium, raised by M. Kulasegaran (DAP-Ipoh Barat), Azalina said the Cabinet has not decided on the matter yet but hopes to raise it during the presentation of the final draft to the Cabinet.

Kulasegaran had asked if a moratorium would be imposed until the amendment to the Act is done.

On March 1, the Cabinet decided that judges may be allowed to impose an appropriate penalty instead of the mandatory death sentence on drug traffickers under an amend-

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On a separate matter, Azalina said the Government has taken note of the bankruptcy among the younger generation.

She said based on statistics from the Malaysian Department of Insolvency from 2013 till August this year, some 23,036 bankrupts were aged between 25 and 34 years old.

"About 1,109 bankrupts are below the age of 25. As such, the Government has introduced a policy to prevent a person from being easily declared a bankrupt, through a Voluntary Arrangement.

"This mechanism is to avoid having to take bankruptcy proceedings against an individual," she said.