Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session continues for 16th day

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 16th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MINA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the sixteenth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 387 Hluttaw representatives.

One proposal was recorded, nine questions were answered, two proposals discussed, two new proposals submitted at today’s session.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to queries raised by five representatives.

In his reply to question of U Aung Kyaw Oo of YeU Constituency about government’s measures for resolution of erosion of Aungmingala Ward of YeU in the west of Mu River as it has been about 30 years that Mu River has worn away the ward, causing about 300 households homeless yearly and the remaining households are at the brink of destruction in coming years for no efforts have still been made for conservation of waterways of Mu River, the Union Minister said that Kindat Diversion Weir constructed in 1997 could somehow control the flow of Mu River; that after construction of Thanphanseik Dam in 2001, the flow of Mu River has been totally under control; that bank erosion in YeU is not attributable to massive inflow of water from upstream of Mu River, but heavy rainfall in the region and inflow of water from canals and streams flowing between YeU and Kaboe Dam, 15 miles upstream the town; that according to records of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, wooden weirs were constructed in 1985-1986 to reduce the erosion of Aungmingala Ward and similar measures were taken in 2001 and that later on, no report was made to the ministry from the region and thus no preventive measure was taken against erosion of Aungmingala Ward of YeU.

He continued that his ministry has instructed the directorate to immediately contact with local authorities concerned and provide necessary assistance in case of bank erosion to ensure fewer damages; that in case of severe conditions, it is needed to immediately report to region/state governments concerned and to cooperate with Ministry of Transport for repair works and added that Hluttaw representatives may seek help from local authorities in case of bank erosion in own regions.

U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency asked government’s measure for maintaining of Pyapon bank for long-existence of Pyapon as bank erosion occurs yearly on Pyapon side due to sand banks at its opposite side, and as a result three wards were moved in 1968, retaining walls were eroded in 1975, and the market and residential wards are being affected by erosion which recently has worn away 100 feet of the garden hall at Thazi Pagoda, and the bank erosion is still in critical condition despite the efforts of local residents for prevention against erosion.

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Tin Htwe

Tin Htwe has been sunk in Nay Pyi Taw, Pyawbwe and Yamethin purpose in arid region. So far, 26 tube-wells have availability for agricultural purpose and drinking machines from China in 2010-2011 financial year.

Operating RG drilling machines at full capacity discussed

Nav Pyi Taw, 12 Sept—A meeting to operate RG sinking machines at full capacity for sinking tube-wells in arid regions of central Myanmar was held at the hall of Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this afternoon.

Director-General U Kyi Htut Win of WRUD and officials held discussions with Vice-President Yin Yongjing and officials of RG Petro-Machinery Group of the People’s Republic of China on progress of sinking tube-wells, operating of the RG machines at full capacity and sending technicians for the progress of sinking tube-wells in arid regions of central Myanmar was held at the hall of Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this afternoon.

In building the continuous learning society in line with the Myanmar education goal, the role of teachers is the most important. They are to set sight on nurturing their pupils equipped with high morality, thinking power and good habits.

Educational staff members are to abide by code of conduct for teachers. Emphasizing successful realization of education policies and effective academic tasks, public ethics are to be provided to all students.

Youths, the one-fourth of population of the nation, are invaluable strength of the nation. As the government is implementing the plan for all-round development of the youths, all the teachers are to broaden the horizons of the new generation youths equipped with literature and knowledge capabilities for enabling them to enjoy glittering future.

Union A&I Minister on inspection tour of Shwetawung Research Farm

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views horticultural farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in Meiktila.—MNA

CBM Governor receives JICA officials

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TRFL Department D-G signs Condolence Book for demise of former President of the State Council Vietnam

Yangon, 12 Sept—Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint signed Condolence Book opened at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, at No. 72, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, here at 4 pm today, for the demise of His Excellency Mr Vo Chi Cong, Former President of the State Council of Vietnam on 8th September 2011.

MFF, MPEA to organize talks

Yangon, 12 Sept—Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will jointly organize the educative talk with the sponsorship of Parami Foundation at the hall of the federation on Bayinnaung Road in Insein Township, here, at 2 pm on 17 September. Writer Atta Kyaw will give talks on change and golden practices. Enthusiasts may attend it.—MNA

RUMFCCI President leaves for Thailand

Yangon, 12 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and Central Executive U Myo Thant left for Bangkok of Thailand by air this morning to participate in the pre-meeting for the 4th GMS Business Summit and the GMS-BF Trade and Transport Facilitation

Contacts for Anti-Trafficking in Persons

Yangon, 12 Sept—The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law was promulgated on 13 September 2005. During the six years period, action was taken against 2043 human traffickers—818 men and 1235 women—in 731 trafficking in person cases. A total of 1298 human trafficking victims—164 men and 1134 women—were rescued and they were handed over to their families.

For information on trafficking in persons, dial 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 0949555666 in Muse, 0949557777 in Mandalay and 0949555888 and 0949555999 in Yangon.—MNA

Finance and Revenue received Professor Dr Fumiharu Mieno and party of JICA Mission at the hall of the CBM, here, this afternoon.

They discussed cooperation in banking services. Also present at the call were heads of departments.—MNA

Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint signs Condolence Book for the demise of former President of the State Council of Vietnam Mr Vo Chi Cong.—MNA

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Texas fire destroys 1,554 homes, 17 people missing

BASTROP, 12 Sept—Drawn to the quaint Central Texas town of Bastrop by the promise of life in a quiet, wooded area, Frank Davis moved into his new home two Saturdays ago. The next day, he and his wife evacuated when a monster wildfire moved in. Now, there’s nothing left. “The fire was so hot, there are even panes of glass that melted,” said Davis, a 47-year-old home remodeler who came to Bastrop from Austin, about 30 miles away. “It’s all gone.”

The number of homes destroyed by a still-raging wildfire here rose on Sunday to 1,554 and will increase further as emergency crews enter areas where the blaze has been extinguished. Seventeen people remain unaccounted for, but officials believe they could simply be out of town. Bastrop County officials joined by Democratic US Rep Lloyd Doggett sought to provide new information to hundreds of residents evacuated a week ago, when blistering wind whipped up by Tropical Storm Lee swept across parched, drought-stricken Texas — helping to spark more than 190 wildfires statewide that killed four people.

The worst of the fires is the one in Bastrop that has consumed more than 34,000 acres. Crews have now contained more than 50 percent of the blaze, paving the way for people to begin returning home and trying to rebuild their lives from the remains of the smoldering rubble.—Internet

Indonesia road smash kills 19

JAKARTA, 12 Sept—A horrific smash between a bus and an overloaded minibus killed 19 people in Indonesia’s east Java Province on Monday with police saying they suspected the drivers were speeding.

Mojokerto police chief Prasetyo Utomo said both drivers were killed in the accident, which occurred in Mojokerto District at 03:30 am (2030 GMT). “The majority of the victims, 17 of them, were inside the minibus. One of the victims is a seven-year-old girl,” Utomo said.

“We suspect the bus and the minivan were speeding. And the minivan was over capacity, it should have seated 10 people.”

Indonesia has a poor road safety record with drivers frequently flouting the law.—Internet

Death toll reaches 15,782 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 12 Sept—The devastating earthquake and tsunami in March have left 15,782 people dead and 4,086 others unaccounted for in Japan by Sunday, which marks the sixth-month anniversary of the twin disasters, according to the National Police Agency. The disasters affected people in about 12 of Japan’s 47 prefectures and more than 2,000 people remain missing in Miyagi Prefecture alone. A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering an enormous tsunami. Heavy casualties and extensive damage have been caused by the twin disasters, which also triggered the world’s worst disaster at the Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant since Chernobyl accident in 1986.—Xinhua
Asian stocks tumble amid Europe debt worries

Business

One, two drinks a day good for heart

Health

HSBC launches sale of non-life insurance business

Business

Israeli development enhances memory in Alzheimer patients

Health
Plan underway to observe International Day of Democracy 2011 at Hluttaw Building for the first time in Myanmar for flourishing of democratization process and rights in conformity with actual progress of nation to serve interests of State and entire people

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Sept**—The Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will jointly organize the International Day of Democracy 2011 which falls on 15 September 2011 at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building at 10 am on 15 September. The gala ceremony will be attended not only by Hluttaw representatives of legislative body but also Union ministers, deputy ministers, officials, officials of the Union Supreme Court and the Union Attorney-General’s Office, speakers of region and state Hluttaws, responsible persons of UN agencies and non-government organizations, and people’s representatives from eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Moreover, correspondents of local-based foreign news agencies, reporters of local periodicals and correspondents from foreign new agencies are allowed to attend the ceremony.

Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives will submit papers. As the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that has emerged in line with the democratization process of the constitution (2008) is being built as a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing new democratic nation, special emphasis is being placed steadfastly on reformation of the country in democratization process. At present, the ceremony to mark the International Day of Democracy 2011 will be held for the first time in Myanmar with the aim of firmly flourishing democratization process and rights in conformity with the actual progress of the nation so as to serve the interests of the State and the entire people. —MNA

**Union Minister receives Nepalese guests**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Sept**—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Chairman of Nepalese Research Council Dr Chop Lal Bhusal and party of Ministry of Health and Population of Nepal at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They exchanged views on health care services in Myanmar and Nepal, opening of medical universities and academic matters, medical research works, promotion of traditional medicine and opening of traditional medicine university. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, directors-general and officials of departments under the ministry. —MNA

**US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi**

**Yangon, 12 Sept**—US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, accompanied by Charge d’Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston, met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and others at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on University Avenue, here, at 10.20 am today. —MNA

**Tourungoo Station aids flood victims**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Sept**—The water level of Sittoung River in Tourungoo exceeded 64 cm above its danger level 600 cm in Tourungoo of Bago Region this afternoon, inundating eight wards and four villages in Tourungoo.

A total of 5349 flood victims of 1260 households were evacuated to 17 relief camps. Mobile medical teams of local field medical corps under the supervision of Tourungoo Station are providing healthcare, anti-mosquito spray and necessary assistances to the victims. —MNA

**Amazon in talks to launch digital book library**

**New York, 12 Sept**—Amazon Inc is in talks with book publishers about launching a media library service similar to Netflix Inc for tablets and other digital books, The Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday.

Seattle-based Amazon, which makes the popular Kindle electronic reader, is also expected to release a tablet to rival Apple Inc’s iPad in coming weeks, the Journal reported. Under the proposal for a digital media library, customers would pay an annual fee to access a library of content, the Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter. —Reuters

**Flood bulletin**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Sept**—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Tourungoo has exceeded by 70 cm (about 2.3 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. —MNA
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The Union Minister replied that bank erosion can easily occur in Pyapon as it is situated outside the river bend and it has silt-like soil being located in Delta Region, especially bank erosion are more likely to occur on weak earth foundation on which heavy buildings are built; that it is studied that bank erosion mostly occur around Thazi Pagoda which is situated at the centre of the river bend, the narrowest part of the river between Pyapon River and Pyapon Bridge.

Preventive measures and designs were developed based on the survey of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of Water Systems and 210-ft wide retaining wall based on bored pile was built; that the directorate has provide close technical support starting from 17-3-2011 in constructing of the retaining wall and all the works were completed on 5-6-2011 and the bank at the front of Pyiton Chantha Thazi Pagoda is in firm condition.

U Maung Maung Tin of Yekyi Constituency asked the Union Minister if the ministry has a plan to change the waterway of Ngawun River and reinforce Ngawun dike because despite the fact that the Irrigation Department has constructed 6800-long front-dyke in April of 2011 to prevent further damages of the Ngawun dyke due to sandbanks along the waterway of the Ngawun River in Ngathainggyoung Sub-township of Yekyi, the Ngawun dyke is still in critical condition for the newly-constructed dyke still cannot fill the bill and the location of Ngawun dyke is like holding water, and townships in Pathein District and Hinthada District may suffer losses if the deficiencies lead to loopholes, and the residents along Ngawun bank have been concerned for the aged dyke and bank erosion.

The Union Minister replied that Ngathainggyoung Sub-township lies at the east bank of the Ngawun River, 68 miles from the mouth of Ngawun River (Nyangkyo) and 77 miles from Pathein; that floods usually occur in time of large amount of water as there are river bends at the upstream and downstream of Ngathainggyoung; that according to records of Irrigation Department at Ngathainggyoung, the highest water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung is 31.35 feet on 17-8-1974 and the lowest water level is 1.90 foot on 3-3-1974; that dykes in Ngathainggyoung were constructed by the Irrigation Department and Ngathainggyoung has not informed the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of Waters System about the bank erosion.

The Union Minister added that the directorate has taken preventive measures against erosion of Hsipawon Pagoda bank and for retaining of Shwekyetky Pagoda bank in Laymyethna, improvement of waterway of Hainggyigyun, development of waterway of the Ngawun River, maintaining of bank of Ngawun river-crossing river (Pathein), maintaining of the bank of Pathein Port from 1999-2000 fiscal year to 2010-2011 fiscal year, spending K 811.96 million; that the directorate usually construct new waterway through the water bends as one of its measures against erosion; that such doing usually have great impacts either positive or negative on the downstream of the river and that it needs thorough survey and consideration of all possible effects.

U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency said that Department of Marine Administration can turn out between 1000 and 2000 sailors yearly, relatively lower than other sailor markets around the world and projected production of sailors is advisable as increased production of sailors would benefit the nation and the people much and asked if there is any plan to turn out more sailors than current production rate.

The Union Minister in his reply said that his ministry has established Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Mercantile Marine College in order to turn out seafarers; that the university allows annual admittance of 400 Students and confer B.E and B.Sc degrees which last five years; and the college allows annual admittance of 300 trainees and confer diplomas that last two years, producing around 700 cadets yearly.

There are, the Union Minister went on that also two government schools and seven private schools totaling nine for sailors at other level to be able to pursue maritime and navigation knowledge; that seven private schools were permitted to conducts seafarers’ courses commencing 5-9-2011 and the ministry has instructed to train trainees by subject specialists and test with simple questioning and grading system.

He added that in addition to establishment of nine schools, two run by the government and seven by the private sector, and the simple exam system, the ministry holds talks with agents of respective shipping lines for job creation.

U G Phon Sar of Nagon constituency asked the Union Minister if his ministry has any plan to reuse short-range airports as airport built on self-reliant basis in Nagmon in 1979 that had provided conveniences for staff and the local people till 1984 and since then the airport has been out of use but other regions still possess such short-range airports.

The Union Minister replied that Myanma Airways had run flights to Nagmon Airport with Twin Otter crafts, that to land on the ground, current planes of Myanma Airways need at least 4000 feet long runway; that the current runway of Nagmon Airport is of earthen type with 2461 feet in length and 90 feet in width; that the airport is surrounded by mountains with height from 3000 feet to 6000 feet, and covered with clouds in rainy season and mists in cold season, which stands barrier to view of the ground and thus it is not suitable for planes to land and take off and it could be used by small planes only in dry season according to weather and geographical conditions.

The Union Minister concluded that currently there is no plan to run flights to Nagmon because current Nagmon Airport has been out of maintenance for decades with its runway’s surface damaged and there are no small planes that can land on Nagmon Airport, and running of flights to the airport is not economically beneficial but his ministry does have a plan to purchase and run small planes that can land on short-range airports for development of villages and towns in rural regions.

In response to the question of U Khin Maung Toe of Mibila Constituency asking how budgets were checked and what were found after the six-month period of the term of the Union Auditor-General who was nominated by the President and appointed under the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Union Auditor-General U Lan Maung said that national budgets covering the 2011-2012 fiscal year have been drawn with 2011 national budget law; that the meeting No. 1/2011 of Financial Commission on 7-4-2011 passed a resolution to use the national budgets for the first half of the 2010-2011 fiscal year and Union budgets and region/state budgets from 1-10-2011 onwards.

The Union Auditor-General’s Office and regional audit departments will check the national budget of the first half of the 2011-2012 fiscal year and report unusual situations to respective Hluttaws; that in the future, balance sheets of the Union and region/state funds will be checked and reported to respective Hluttaws and no checks could be made as there have been no monthly balance sheets during the period mentioned in question.

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Regarding the question raised by U Ba Hlay of Mogok Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to allow local people of Mogok to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale in accord with the law in 2004 with the aim of improving livelihood of locals residing in Mogok Township of PyinOoLwin District in Mandalay Region and creating job opportunities, thereby contribut- ing towards poverty alleviation, Union Minister for Mines U Thetn Htaiu replied that gem mining sites in Mogok gems land were advertised in the papers in 2004. Permits to engage in gems mining in 119 sites out of 134 which were free from restrictions were issued in three times. Later, no applications for gems mining were allowed and permits were issued for designated sites under the arrange- ment of Myanmar Gems Enterprise through competitive biddings. As there remained vacant permission-granted sites, there is no recent advertisements for new gems mining sites in Mogok gems land.

According to guidance given by the President on a report of Mandalay Region Chief Minister’s Office to grant the permission in accord with rules and regulations, permission to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale and to pan gems-bearing earths of large sites by the local people of Mogok Township is under scrutiny. If permissions are granted, there will be more cases of one’s invasion of the site owned by the other one through tunnel likeness disputes occurred in 2004. So arrangements are being made to be settled and taken action against the cases in accord with Myanmar Gems Law.

Myanmar Gems Enterprise puts ads for unlicensed designated sites, unlicensed newly-reclaimed sites, vacant designated sites and vacant newly-reclaimed sites in the papers once two months. Opportunities are available for those who are willing to engage in gems mining to apply the permits in accord with specifications for gems mining companies, cooperative societies and organiza- tions. Plans are underway to allow local people of Mogok to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale and to pan gems-bearing earths of large sites in accord with rules and regulations of currently-exercised market economic sys- tem with the aim of economic development of local people.

Regarding the questions raised by U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to grow summer paddy in townships which are suitable for summer paddy cultivation in monsoon and summer paddy in order to fulfill requirements of food sufficiency, availability of surplus rice and exportation of surplus rice for foreign exchange and to meet regional rice sufficiency. Arrangements are being made for use of good quality strains to boost rice production. Assistance is being rendered by the Union government and state/region governments to farmers to grow suitable summer paddy strains in suitable regions. Encouragements are not given in growing of summer paddy in the regions where topographical conditions are facing water scarcity when the lake is dry up due to intense heat of summer. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that the government is encouraging farmers in cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy so that paddy sown acreage will be increased. If a law to set paddy sown acreage is promulgated, it is difficult for the business with lack of interest to exist long and there will be hindrances for implementation of boosting production and quality in paddy sector.

Regarding the proposal, making a practical way to organize farmers to grow single or double paddy on their own volition for boosting paddy output growth that can make more earnings compared with other crops will be appropriate.

As the proposal of U Lun Thu is not needed to continue to do and Htattaw approved to put it in record, Htattaw decided to record it.

Five representatives discussed proposal submitted by U Maung Oo of Tatkon Constituency on 1 September to permit public companies in accord with the law. Dr. Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkal Constituency sup- ported the proposal because larger number of public com- panies can contribute a great deal to the State.

U Win Oo of Yehtyu Constituency supported the proposal that as there are only 21 public companies at present in the nation, it should scrutinize and allow registra- tion of new public companies under the law.

U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency supported the opinion that time has come for the State to systematically protect the public companies for their emergence on a wider scale under the law and allot responsibilities to them so as to stand strong firms.

U Than Myint of Salangyi Constituency firmly sup- ported that public companies are to be scrutinized and allowed for their establishments under the law like private companies in realizing the market economy.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Con- constituency participated in the discussions that public com- panies are to show off their constant operations of works abiding by the rules, and she supported the proposal.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein said that the Union government initiates reformation of monetary and financial policies for effec- tively realizing the market economy. To do so, only when the government establishes monetary market and stock exchange, will private share exchange market of private sector emerge. At present, progress of monetary and stock exchange market reaches initial status only. As emergence of the investment market is based on establishment of public companies and sales of shares, public companies and investment market are interrelated.

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When the ASEAN Economic Community comes into existence, commodities of ASEAN and the globe will flow into the nation. Therefore, companies in Myanmar are to enlarge their interests with those of ASEAN countries. As such, emergence of public companies is playing an important role. Although some public companies were allowed in the past, later some of them did not officially declare benefits from the shares and commit abuse of benefit. Therefore, the formation of public companies was not allowed temporarily. Due to lesser investments of private companies, the State is nurturing public companies to be able to save the investments. Paddy and bean companies comprising 50 members were allowed to hold share-holder meetings and declare amount of benefit. At present, the Union government has planned to develop monetary market and investment market for economic growth of the State by forming public companies and establishing monetary market with the participation of people. As such, he supported the proposal of U Maung Oo and now the task is in process to allow the public companies under the law.

The Hluttaw agreed to put the proposal of U Maung Oo on record, and decided to encourage implementation of the proposal and its related matters.

U Thein Swe of An Constituency submitted a proposal calling for adopting a plan to maintain the water courses in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers; and Daw Dwe Bu of Ingyanay Constituency, acceler-ating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and providing drug addicts with necessary assistance to be healthy and fit persons.

The proposals will be discussed on 14 September (Wednesday), and the representatives wishing to participate in the discussions are to enlist this evening.

The 16th-day second regular session was adjourned at 3.15 pm, and the 17th-day session continues tomorrow at 10 am.

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Arrangements are being made to submit the propose for upgrading of Kyakto Township Hospital to a 25-bed hospital with 55 health staff members including five doctors, one dentist and 16 nurses, and upgrade 16-bed Thazinpyay Station Hospital to a 16-bed hospital with 17 health staff members including two doctors and six nurses.

U Steven Thabek of Chin State Constituency No. 4 in his question said that “trainees from Chin State have to go far-flung Yangon only to attend midwifery training school. Due to long travel and increasing high cost, it becomes hard to recruit trainees. Also, it is difficult for female nurses from lower Myanmar to work in Chin State, asking whether there is a plan to open a midwifery training school in Haka of Chin State. In response, the Union Minister said that since 1993-1994, Medical Science Department has extended to open two midwifery training schools each in many regions and states as planned. One midwifery training school each was opened in Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine states and Sagaing and Taninthayi regions. According to the instruction, Falam nursing training school was opened in Falam, heart of the state, in 1993-1994. The nature of a midwifery training school calls for practical support with maternity patients. But, there are no enough maternity patients in Chin State for trainees. The State selects and sends trainees from Chin State to Central Midwifery Training School (Yangon) providing accommodation for them. Nurses from Falam nursing training school and Chin national nurses from Yangon Central Midwifery Training School are assigned duties in Chin State. Entry system to nursing and midwifery trainings was set in 2003-2004. Those who passed matriculation exam are selected to attend midwifery training schools in their own regions and states in order of the marks of Myanmar sar, English and Mathematics subjects. That system is still being applied. Considering tour instructions of VIPS, recommendation of social organizations from related regions and states, proposals of remote areas, Border Areas and National Races Development Affairs Committee and organizations from related states, some persons are allowed to attend with limitation.

As it is found that applicants from Chin State to attend the trainings are more than necessary, there is no difficulty to get trainees. Those from Chin State eligible for Falam nursing training school and Yangon Central Midwifery Training School numbered 329 nurses and 218 midwives from 2004-2005 to 2010-2011. Number of nurses and midwives are enough for present situation. So, there is no plan to open midwifery training school in Haka. Afterwards, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint answered the questions of six representatives.

U Soe Han Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 1 asked the Union minister whether the ministry had a plan to continue the construction of the Pathein-Ngapaw Road which was helpful for governmental employees and students and transportation.

The Union Minister said after the Nargis storm, the road was designated as the 11th road including the road network in Ayeyawady Region and Ministry of Construction had upgraded the road and bridges in the 2008-2009 fiscal year after the Nargis. Development Affairs Department had constructed the five miles long road section of the road while the Ministry of Construction had constructed the 16 miles long road section.

He continued to say that spending the ministry’s budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Pathein District construction group and two special groups for bridge construction projects had upgraded the road to the gravel one, and the 45 ft long Salu Bridge, the 40 ft long Waegyi Bridge and the 75 ft long Phyan Tegaw Bridge, the 700 ft long Paepin Bridge and the 1820 ft long Thatkai Bridge were under construction.

The Ministry also was carrying out roadwork on the 16 miles long road section and was constructing the 15 ft long conduit in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, he added.

At the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Pathein-Ngapaw Road would be the gravel one after upgrading the remaining the 7 miles and seven furlongs long road section, he said.

If the ministry got the full funds for the two river crossing bridges in the upcoming fiscal year, Pathein could be accessible from Ngapaw in all seasons by the end of 2012.

U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 3 asked the Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint whether the ministry could upgrade the 44 miles and 3 furlongs long earth road which linked Thabaung, Yekyi, Yenantha, Gwa and Ngathaingyoung through 34 village-tracks.

The Union minister said still the ministry had no plan to upgrade the earth road as it had not been constructed by the Ministry of Construction, and to upgrade the road, it would be required to upgrade the full distance of 43 miles and 3 furlongs from Thabaung to Yenantha in Yekyi Township.

U Myint Hlaing of Rakhine State constituency No.12 asked the Union Minister whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade the over 10 miles long Thandwe-Ngapal Road as the Ngapali Beach was famous, attracting State guests, diplomats and tourists.
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The Union minister said to upgrade the Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha Road Section, Nay La Thaisar private company was undertaking necessary measures under the BOT system.

Meanwhile, the company had carried out the roadwork to upgrade the Pyay-Taunggyi-Thandwe Road Section which linked Rakhine State and other regions and bridges on it under the BOT system.

The company had started roadwork to upgrade the Pyay-Taunggyi-Thandwe Road section as was given priority from 13 February, 2010, and to upgrade the 56 miles and 7 furlongs long Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha as from 4 May, 2010.

The company had planned to upgrade the 56 miles and 7 furlongs long Taunggyi-Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha Road in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

He continued to say that the 54 employees of the company were superviseing the the roadwork to upgrade the Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha Road Section and the Ngapali-Mazin Road Section with the use of heavy machinery.

A tarred road in the Ngapali Beach Hotel Zone in Thandwe would be extended four miles more in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the remaining road sections would be upgraded to the asphalt road in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Ministry of Construction would closely supervise the roadwork so that the upgraded roads could meet the set standard.

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British kids carry knives to school

LONDON, 12 Sept—British children now carry knives in some of the schools across the country because they feel unsafe both in school and on their journey to and from the premises, says a shocking new report prepared by a think tank.

Many students have stopped attending because they feel unsafe, says the report titled “No Excuses: A Review of Educational Exclusion” by Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith’s think tank Centre for Social Justice.

At one primary school, gang culture was so endemic that children aged nine to 11 arrived wearing the colours of their local street gang, the Daily Express reported.

At another school, the head revealed how pupils aged seven to 11 admitted bringing knives after being bullied by older children, or in one case, by someone’s father on their way home from school. Schools also try to hide their gang problems because of fear of damage to their reputa-tion, the report said.

Many school heads are also breaking the law by continuing to take money from the govern-ment for pupils who never actually come to school.

Gavin Poole, executive director of the think tank, said: “It is vital that unscrupulous and some-times illegal practices indulged in are con-fronted head on. The money for these ‘ghost pupils’ is retained by the school, but they don’t attend, with some schools failing to provide any suitable education or support.”

The report identified many factors that caused disruptive behaviour.

Family breakdown and domestic abuse are among the causes. A child not growing up in a two-parent family is 75 percent more likely to fail at school, it said.—Internet

Baggage incident snarls KC airport

KANSAS CITY, 12 Sept—Part of a Kansas City International Airport terminal was shut down Sunday when a passenger’s carry-on bag triggered an alert, authorities said.

Travellers in Terminal B were evacuated and police used a robot to place the bag in a container where it was blasted apart with high-pressure water. No explosives were found, The Kansas City Star reported.

“When it was scanned, it appeared that something suspicious was in his carry-on luggage,” FBI spokes-woman Bridget Patton said.

The action was taken about 9:30 am after the Southwest Airlines pass-enger refused to coo-perate, the newspaper said. The terminal’s operations returned to normal about 3 pm but the unidentified man was detained by authorities.

Dr Soe Tun of Mandalay Region Constituency (1) submitted the proposal urging the Union government to form a scholar group to fairly settle health disputes” and U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency (6) submitted the proposal urging the Union government to form Republic of the Union of Myanmar Large Dams National Committee and International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)”. As one Hluttaw seconded the proposals to discuss at the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw approved the proposals to discuss.

The 16th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 22.25 pm and the session continues for 17th day at 10 am on 13 September, 2011 (Tuesday).

At today’s session, 10 questions were raised and answered; one proposal was approved and two new proposal were submitted.—MNA

19 children die of suspected encephalitis in N India

NEW DELHI, 12 Sept—Nineteen children have died of suspected encephalitis in Bihar northern India, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Monday.

The children reported high fever, followed by bouts of unconsciousness and convulsions, said the report quoting hospital sources.

Nearly 50 children with suspected encephalitis had been admitted to hospital for treatment, most of them from rural areas, with more than a dozen children battling for life.

Suspected encephalitis hit Gaya District of Bihar in 2009, 2007 and 2005 and killed dozens of children.—Xinhua
Australia still attractive for foreign retailers

SYDNEY, 12 Sept—Australia will continue to be an attractive country for international retailers following some major Australian retailers recently bucked the gloomy trend, according to a new research released from the nation’s market research firm IBISWorld on Monday. Despite negativity in the retail sector, Australia’s Harvey Norman, Woolworths, Westfarmers and JB Hi-fall reported higher profits in 2010-11. IBISWorld analysts expect Australia’s retail spending to be three percent higher in 2011-12 financial year than the previous year, while interest rates and unemployment remain low and disposable incomes increase. “This will make Australia an attractive location for international brands, with both Costco and IKEA planning further stores and UK mega fashion store Topshop opening its first Australian outlet by 2012,” IBISWorld general manager Karen Dobie said.

New Zealand, UK agree to closer science, innovation links

WELLINGTON, 12 Sept—New Zealand and the United Kingdom are to step up cooperation in science and innovation under an agreement signed Monday. A New Zealand-United Kingdom Science and Innovation Working Group is to be established under the agreement signed by New Zealand Science and Innovation Minister Wayne Mapp and UK Secretary of State Jeremy Browne.

“The United Kingdom has always been one of New Zealand’s most significant science and innovation partners,” said Mapp. “Both countries share an interest in driving economic growth through investment in science and research.”

Mapp said about 30 percent of New Zealand researchers already had a UK partner with particularly strong cooperation in the biological sciences, biotechnology and the physical sciences. Browne said the Working Group would add value and structure to the relationship between the UK and New Zealand, and allow a stronger focus on scientific opportunities.

The working group, to be set up by the UK Department of Business Innovation and Skills, and New Zealand’s Ministry of Science and Innovation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, would meet up to four times over the coming year and report directly to the two governments by September next year.—Xinhua

89 beauty queens vying for Miss Universe crown

SAO PAULO, 12 Sept—A group of 89 beauty queens will don swimsuits, evening gowns and test their interview skills in the hopes of winning the 2011 Miss Universe Crown. Contestants from six continents spent the last three weeks in South America’s largest city, trying to learn samba dance steps, visiting impoverished children and kicking a football around for cameras as the globe’s biggest beauty contest is held in Brazil for the first time.

“It’s our 60th anniversary, it’s a very big show, we’re anticipating close to a billion viewers from around the world,” said Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization.

Shugart said it was fitting the globe’s biggest beauty pageant be held in Brazil at this time, as the nation prepares to host some major events in the coming years. “I don’t think there is any doubt in the rest of the world’s mind that Brazil is the place, between hosting the Olympics and hosting the World Cup,” she said. “I love fact we’re going to kick it off. I always say we’re the ‘World Cup’ of beauty.”

Some of the contestants have complained to the local press about the size of bikinis used in some photo shoots, with Miss Mexico Karin Ontiveros saying they were “very small.”—Internet

Malaysia, US negotiate Trans-Pacific Partnership pact

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Sept—Malaysia announced on Monday it has terminated the free trade agreement (FTA) with the United States, but is constructively negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact that involves the United States, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Vietnam, Singapore and Brunei.

“We have not been engaged with the US a couple of years ago and we decided to terminate the US-Malaysia free trade agreement now,” Minister of International Trade and Industry Mustapa Mohammad told reporters at a conference.

“But we are negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact,” he said. “It is a high standard negotiation and we have talked in specific details what tariffs to look at and what sector to open up, for example, the financial sector. Malaysia is playing a constructive role in the discussion,” he added.

The Malaysia-US free trade agreement was initiated in 2005.—Xinhua

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**High blood pressure genetic clues**

**LONDON, 12 Sept** — More than 20 new sections of genetic code have been linked to blood pressure by an international team of scientists. Almost everyone will carry at least one of the genetic variants, according to studies published in *Nature* and *Nature Genetics*. Researchers believe their findings could be used to develop new treatments.

Lifestyle risks are well known, the genetic element of high blood pressure — or hypertension — can run in families as well as being influenced by obesity, exercise and the amount of salt in the diet. While the lifestyle risks are well known, the genetic element of hypertension has been poorly understood. Researchers now say they have made a “major advance” in understanding the role of genes. In the first study, scientists from 24 countries around the world analysed data from more than 200,000 people. They identified 16 new sections on the genome which were linked to blood pressure. One of the lead researchers, Prof Mark Caulfield, from Barts and The London Medical School, said each genetic variant was in at least 5% of people, while some of the more common ones were present in up to 14% of people.

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**Toddler who suckles from cow ‘is fine’**

PINNOM PENH, 12 Sept — An 18-month-old Cambodian boy who has sucked milk directly from a cow every day for more than a month is in fine health, the child’s grandfather has said. The boy, Tha Sophat, made international headlines after his grandfather revealed he had been feeding himself directly from a cow since July when a storm destroyed his home and his parents left for Thailand to find work.

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**Buses run 300 miles a year**

**LONDON, 12 Sept** — Commuters who catch buses to work nearly 300 miles a year, new research shows. Passengers walk an average of 0.8 miles each journey and began to do the same thing, feeding directly from the cow each day, Um Oeung added. When he pulled him away, the boy cried, so he let him continue, Um Oeung said on yesterday.

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New opera tells story of 11 Sept heroism

San Francisco, 12 Sept.—A continent away from where the towers fell, the horror of that September morning 10 years ago is being recreated on the stage of the War Memorial Opera House.

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An Ohio couple tied the knot, then celebrated by jumping out of an airplane 7,500 feet in the air.

Gail Mathis, 54, and new husband Phil Mathis, 58, have been together for about three years and decided to go skydiving after a ceremony on the plane last Saturday, the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News reported.

Phil came up with the idea to take the plunge from the Skydiving facility at the Middletown, Ohio, Hook Field as an ultimatum for Gail. “The idea was to do something really crazy,” Phil said. “She said she wasn’t going to jump and I said that’s the only way we’re getting married. That was her ultimatum. She told me, ‘I don’t want to be married that bad.’”

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Burglar found cooking inside restaurant

Police arrested a Mount Prospect, Ill, man who allegedly broke into a restaurant and made himself a meal.

Video surveillance of Mr Beef and Pizza in Mount Prospect allegedly shows Hache Gomez, 19, entering the restaurant early Saturday by breaking into the drive-through window, the Arlington Heights (Ill) Daily Herald reported. Assistant State’s Attorney Robin Murphy said the video also shows Gomez damaging a cash register before stealing fries and chicken tenders from a freezer and cooking them in a microwave.

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Juve begins Serie A season with big win

MIlan, 12 Sept — Inter Milan lost 4-3 at Palermo, allowing four goals in a league match for the first time in seven years, and Juventus played the first official match in its $168 million stadium, opening its Serie A season with a 4-1 win over Parma on Sunday. In Inter’s first match since Samuel Eto’o transferred to Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala, new Inter signer Gian Piero Gasperini saw his team come in on 45 minutes before half-time,” writes Stewart.

Wenger happy with debutants

LONDON, 12 Sept — Arsene Wenger praised Mikel Arteta and Per Mertesacker after making their Arsenal debuts against Swansea City. Andrey Arshavin scored the only goal of the match to secure a win for Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium, capitalizing on a mistake from Michel Vorm five minutes before half-time,” writes Stewart.

Blackburn stay bottom after Zamora earns point

LONDON, 12 Sept — Blackburn remain rooted to the bottom of the Premier League table after Bobby Zamora’s equalizer gave Fulham a 1-1 draw against Rovers at Craven Cottage on Sunday. Steve Kean’s struggling side had taken the lead through a fine strike from Ruben Rochina in the first half, but Zamora equalized soon after to leave Blackburn still waiting for their first league win this season. There was more bad news for Kean as midfielder David Hoilett was stretchered off in stoppage time wearing a neck brace after a nasty collision with Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer. Fulham are also without a victory in their first four league games and, like Blackburn, they were unable to climb out of the bottom three after a scrappy encounter in west London. — Internet

US runner wins world triathlon for ill friend

BEIJING, 12 Sept — Lukas Verzbicas kept his promise. Verzbicas won the junior title at the world triathlon championships on Sunday, fulfilling his vow to win for his cancer-stricken friend and teammate Kevin McDowell. With a good prognosis after his final chemotherapy treatment on 22 August, McDowell was at the finish line to cheer as Verzbicas won in 56 minutes, 21 seconds.

“I had him in my mind the whole race. I knew I was doing it for him,” Verzbicas said. “It motivated me more than I just doing this by myself.” Verzbicas finished 33 seconds ahead of Germany’s Justus Nieschlag, the European junior champion. American Lukas Verzbicas kept his promise to score hat-tricks in Premier League history as Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney’s new-found maturity has been key to the striker’s lightning start to the season.

Ferguson hails ‘fantastic’ and ‘mature’ Rooney

MANCHESTER, 12 Sept — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney’s new-found maturity has been key to his striking form. Rooney has become only the fourth player in Premier League history to score hat-tricks in back-to-back games when he netted a treble in Saturday’s 5-0 win over Bolton. The England striker has now taken his tally to eight goals in four matches, more than 18 Premier League clubs have so far managed, and drawn level with Bobby Charlton on seven three-timers for the club.

It is a far cry from Rooney’s poor form of 12 months ago, and Ferguson believes the trigger has been his number one striker’s new-found maturity. “When players get to their mid-20s, there is more thought in their game. Their timing is better. Wayne’s presence is good and he is looking fantastic,” said Ferguson. United top the table on 12 points, with only superior goals difference keeping them ahead of Manchester City. Ferguson will be hoping Rooney hits the spot against Benfica in their opening Champions League match of the campaign in Lisbon on Wednesday, when United will also aim to extend their 18-month unbeaten away record in the competition. — Internet

Spurs’ Van der Vaart hopes for early return

LONDON, 12 Sept — Tottenham midfielder Rafael van der Vaart hopes to return from a hamstring injury ahead of schedule and has targeted a comeback in his club’s Premier League match against Liverpool next weekend. Van der Vaart was expected to be out of action for at least six weeks after suffering the injury during Tottenham’s 5-1 home defeat by Manchester City last month.

The 28-year-old missed Holland’s Euro 2012 qualifiers and was sidelined as Harry Redknapp’s team secured their first win of the season against Wolves on Saturday. But the former Real Madrid star’s recovery has progressed quicker than expected and he is optimistic he will be fit for next weekend’s clash with Liverpool and could even return against PAOK Salonika in the Europa League on Thursday. — Internet

Melzer/Petzschner win US Open men’s doubles

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — Ninth-seeded duo of Austrian Jurgen Melzer and German Philipp Petzschner beat sixth-seeds Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcopol Katzowski of Poland in straight sets to win the men’s doubles title at the 2011 US Open on Saturday night.

Melzer and Petzschner overwhelmed their opponents to wrap up the match 6-2, 6-2 in 49 minutes. They hit 23 winners, 12 more than Fyrstenberg and Matkowski, who had 12 unforced errors, six more than the winners. Fyrstenberg and Matkowski also recorded four double faults against two to the titlists. The winners converted five of seven break points, but Fyrstenberg and Matkowski made just one out of two. All of this made the contest lop-sided and soon — Xinhua

Melzer/Petzschner celebrate after winning the 2011 ITF Junior Triathlon World Championships held in Beijing on 11 Sept, 2011. — Internet

Ferguson's five re-timers for the club. — Internet

Picture 146x186 of Us runner wins world triathlon for ill friend

Lukas Verzbicas celebrates after scoring during a Serie A soccer match between Juventus and Parma at the Juventus Stadium in Turin, Italy, on 11 Sept, 2011. — Internet

Mikel Arteta gave an assured performance in midfield. — Internet
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8. Song of National Races
8:20 am
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Model Song Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)
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Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 16th-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Sixteenth-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw took place at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here this morning. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attended the session.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied the questions about health raised by four representatives.

In response to the question of U Poe Yal Aung Thein of Kayah State Constituency No. 8 about health raised by four representatives, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied the questions about health raised by four representatives.

In response to the question of U Poe Yal Aung Thein of Kayah State Constituency No. 8 regarding conditions of doctors in Kayah State, Union Minister said that one medical superintendent, one pediatric, one anesthetist, one ophthalmologist, one radiologist, one surgeon, one orthopedist, one psychiatrist, one physiologist, one assistant gynecologist, one assistant surgeon, one assistant doctor (ear, nose and throat) and nine assistant doctors are currently working at Loikaw People’s Hospital. A medical superintendent has been engaged there with letter No. 3 Ma Ka (a) 2011/2-130 dated 15-8-2011 of the Health Ministry. In addition, one township medical officer was assigned duty at Dimawhso People’s Hospital, one specialist dentist and one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Bawlake People’s Hospital, one township medical officer at Shataw People’s Hospital, one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Pasawng People’s Hospital, one township medical officer at Meisei People’s Hospital, and one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Prusho People’s Hospital.

Arrangements are being made to fill vacancies of specialists, station doctors, assistant doctors and dentists at the hospitals in Kayah State.

In response to the question of U Kham Swam Mon of Chin State Constituency No. 5 about “whether there is a plan to engage specialists and assistant doctors at Tiddim People’s Hospital to meet requirement of organizational set-up, and construct staff quarters for doctors”, the Union Minister said that plans are being drawn to engage specialists (medicine, surgery, pediatrics, anesthetic, orthopedic), assistant doctors and dentists at Tiddim People’s Hospital in Chin State where one medical superintendent, one assistant gynecologist and two assistant doctors are currently taking duties.

As there was no budget allocation for 2011-2012 fiscal year to construct staff quarters for doctors at Tiddim People’s Hospital in Chin State, huge amount of budget to construct staff quarters will be submitted.

In response to the question of U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 about “if there is any health problem in Kyayikto, specialists from Thaton and Mawlamyine are asked for helps (or) patients are to be sent to Yangon 100 miles away from Kyayikto, causing unnecessary cause for loss of life. He asked whether or not the related ministry will upgrade 25-bed hospital in Kyayikto to 50-bed one and 16-bed hospital in Theinzayat to 25-bed one to meet patient-hospital ratio. The Union Minister said that there are 157,216 persons with 277,455 households living in Kyayikto Township where one 25-bed township hospital, one 16-bed Theinzayat Station Hospital, one maternal and child healthcare centre, seven rural healthcare centres, 28 rural healthcare branches are giving healthcare services.

There are 42 staff members including four doctors, one dentist, eight nurses and two assistant nurses taking duties at 25-bed hospital in Kyayikto Township, and four health staff members including one doctor and one senior nurse at 16-bed Theinzayat Station Hospital.