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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct-The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 33rd day at 1 pm at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today.

The session was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 204 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency asked whether there is a plan to form a sub-township with a suitable name by combining Kyaikkaw and Theinseik villages. If not, whether or not Kyaikkaw and Theinseik will be set as towns officially. In response, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that Section 54 of the Constitution states that where there arises a situation to alter or form the territorial boundary or change the name of a village, villagetract, ward, town, township or district of a Region, State, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone concerned, the President shall act, as necessary, upon the recommendation of the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned. So, it is needed to ask for permission from the President by filing with the permission of respective chief minister in accord with the Section 54 of the Constitution.

According to rules and regulations, if the President Office sends informing letter to show point of view on forming and changing of village, village-tract, ward, town and sub-township to the Ministry of Home Affairs, General Administration Department (Head Office) is to ask for dossier including report of region or state administrator, agreement minutes of region or state government and endorsement of the President. If the dossier is in hand, Ministry of Home Affairs is to report on agreement to extension, changing and forming to the President Office. If the President Office asks to further report to the Union government in accord with rules and regulations, General Administration Department (Head Office) needs to make submission to the Union government compiling detailed facts.

In relation to village, village-tract, ward, town, subtownship and township that was changed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, if the Union government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar informs Ministry of Home Affairs of agreement, the order will be issued. Kyaikkaw village and Theinseik village are about 12 miles away from Thaton and about four miles from Bilin and they are blessed with economic, social and transport boom. So, if there is a will to upgrade to sub-township level and set as town, step-by-step procedures can be made in accord with rules and regulations.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint answered questions of two Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 asked whether there is a plan to construct seven miles and six furlongs long Twantay-Yekyaw Road and 19 miles and six furlongs long Twantay-Kawhmu- Kungyangon Townships Road by Public Works in Yangon Region. The Union Minister replied that the road linking Twantay-Yekyaw and the road linking Twantay- Kawhmu-Kungyangon Townships are being undertaken by Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon Township Development Affairs Committees.

As of 1990-91 fiscal year, Twantay-Yekyaw Road was constructed by rural people on a self-reliant basis.

Beginning 1998-1999 fiscal year, Twantay Township DAC upgraded the earthen road to the laterite road. There are 10 bridges along the road.

Twantay-Yekyaw Road and Yekyaw-Popa- Tawkhayan road linking Twantay-Kawhmu and

Kungyangon townships are being undertaken by Kawhmu and Kungyan Township DACs. As of 1990-1991 fiscal year, the local people from Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships constructed the road on a self-reliant basis.

The Ministry of Construction is taking responsibility of maintaining Kungyangon-Hmawtaw Road linking Kawhmu and Kungyangon Townships. The fund allotted in 2011-2012 fiscal year is spent on ordinary maintenance of the road by Yangon South District Senior Engineer and party of the Ministry of Construction and engineer team of Kungyangon Township. They have been maintaining four miles and three furlongs long section of the road.

The Ministry of Construction has no plan to maintain the Twantay-Yekyaw Road nad Yekyaw-Popa-Tawkhayan Road being undertaken by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

By demanding the funds for ordinary maintenance in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the road and bridges will be maintained.

U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 2 asked whether there is plan to repair the road sections from Dawei to Ye and Dawei to Myeik and how will manage levying the toll gate fees in Mon State and prevention against bank erosion at the eastern bank of posts of Kamyawkin Bridge across Dawei River, linking Dawei and Launglon. The Union Minister replied that by spending capital expenditure in 2011-2012 fiscal year, Myeik District Senior Engineer and party, Dawei District Senior Engineer and party and Deputy Superintending Engineer and party of Bridge Construction Special Group No. 13 are carrying out upgrading Lawthaing Bridge as bridge No. 4/70 and Kyaukkanya Bridge as bridge No. 1/13 to RC bridges on Dawei-Ye section, extension of Dawei-Myeik road to 34 feet wide earthen embankment with maintenance of tarred layer, and upgrading No. 1/111 To Bridge, No. 2/61 Tagundaing Bridge, Bridge No. 2/63 and No. 9/51 Thinpon Creek Bridge to RC facilities.

Depending on ordinary maintenance expenditure allotted in 2011-2012 fiscal year, the maintenance and upgrading of Dawei-Ye Road Section and Dawei-Myeik Road Section and bridges. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the capital and ordinary maintenance expenditure will be demanded to continue maintenance of roads and bridges.

In Taninthayi Region, 10 toll gates were allowed in March 2011 to levy prescribed fees for 2011-2012 fiscal year. If those levy the fee exceeding the prescribed rate, the regional government and the Ministry of Construction will take action against the offenders in line with the rules of the contracts.

The 100-ft long Kahmyawkin Bridge on the Dawei- Longlon Road in Taninthayi Division was inaugurated in 1974. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of Rivers System had taken measures to stop erosion near the jetty on the bank in Dawei from the 2004-2005 fiscal year to the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Today, the condition of the bridge had improved and measures for maintenance and erosion would be continued to be taken, he said.

U Har Shein Bwe of Chin State constituency No.8 asked whether there was a plan to repair the 400 meter long running track in Mindat in southern Chin State and to construct a stadium.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu replied that the ministry had been taken measures for maintaining sports grounds and stadiums while had been built the new ones in districts and townships which had not yet got the sports facilities depending on land allocation and funds. The Ministry had had a plan to build the sports facilities in districts and townships, considering that the facilities played an important role in development of sports. However, the condition of the sports facilities had been degrading because the athletes who trained himself intensively there were rare. Therefore, it needed to maintain the facilities when they were built in districts and townships, he said.

Concerning the repairing of the 400 metre long running track in Mindat, the union minister replied that the ministry would coordinate to repair the running track. The ministry would built a medium stadium in the town when a land was allocated for the facility, he added.

Afterwards, U Mann Aung Tin Myint, member of the bill committee, submitted the proposal and report the bill committee to consider the bill approved and sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw to revoke the 1964 Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities.

Amyotha Hluttaw announced that those representatives who wish to discuss the proposal can do nomination at the Amyotha Hluttaw department.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region constituency No.6 urged the Hluttaw to send message of sympathy to the parliament of Thailand for flood disaster in Thailand.

The Hluttaw agreed it and announced that it would send the message to Thailand.

The meeting ended at 2.10 pm and it would resume on 17, October, 2011.

During the meeting, union ministers answered four questions raised by representatives, one bill was submitted and one decision to send a message of sympathy to Thailand by the Hluttaw.

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