A & I Minister replies to question about quality control of fertilizers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March-At today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun of Kyaungkon Constituency said that fertilizer is necessary for boosting per acre yield of crops, and asked what the government will do to make sure that fertilizers meet the standards.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo in his reply said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation enact Fertilizers Law on 1 October 2002, and Procedures on Fertilizers on 1 July 2007. The Fertilizers Committee has been formed with the deputy minister for Agriculture and Irrigation as the chairman, and Fertilizer Technical Group. The ministry issues registration cards and licences for producing, importing or exporting fertilizers. It also examines samples of fertilizers on market.

The ministry is taking measures for designating the amount of fertilizers for an acre of land and giving talks on use of fertilizers.

The government established Myaungdaga Urea Fertilizer Plant in December 2010 and Pathein Urea Fertilizer Plant in January 2011 in addition to Kyawswa, Sale and Kyungyaung urea fertilizer plants to satisfy the domestic demand. More urea fertilizer plants will be built according to the conditions.

Imported fertilizers and local organic and inorganic fertilizers are examined for quality control.

The ministry is rendering assistance for production of natural fertilizers such as leaf humus fertilizer, vermicompost fertilizer, cow dung and bat guano. It will take measures for taking action in accordance with the law against those who produce substandard fertilizers, imitate fertilizers and disqualified fertilizers.

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