Construction Minister replies to question on construction of bridge between Tatthitkyun and Bawlekyun in Htantabin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March- At today’s session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency asked whether there is a plan to build a bridge for linking Tatthitkyun and Bawlekyun in Htantabin Township, and he would like to know when it will be built.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied that Htantabin of Yangon Region was an isolated town in the past. After 1980, nine miles and six furlongs long Htantabin-Thidaaye asphalt road was constructed from Yangon-Pathein Road.

Therefore, Htantabin has easy access to Yangon day and night.

The government built 1940 feet long Hline River Bridge (Myochaung) and 1940 feet long Bawle River Bridge (Yebawthoung) as two-way RC facilities for development of Bawlekyun region. The 29 miles and two furlongs long Hmawby-Yedwingon- Myochaung-Yebawthoung- Kungyangon-Ywatha Road was constructed. The roads were linked with Ywatha and Aphyauk and Ywatha and Uto.

Kokkowa River between Tatthitkyun and Bawlekyun flows into Hline River near Htantabin. Mouth of Kokkowa River is about 1000 feet wide, and if the bridge is constructed, the facility will be 1900 feet long including approach roads on both sides.

People from Htantabin Township and Tatthitkyun may travel to Bawlekyun along nine miles long Htantabinjunction of Yangon-Pathein road, one mile and two furlongs long section from Shwepyitha-Danyingon junction, 12 miles and four furlongs long section from Danyingon junction to Hmawby, five miles and one furlong long section from Hmawby to Yedwingon, two miles and four furlongs long section from Yedwingon to Myochaung Bridge and 16 miles and six furlongs long section from Myochaung Bridge to Bawle Village, taking two hours.

At present, there is no plan to build a bridge between Tatthitkyun and Bawlekyun.

Due to requirements of the regions, the Ministry of Construction is carrying out construction and maintenance of roads and bridges. In this regard, the ministry builds under 180 feet long bridges under its plans and takes approval from the government to construct above-180 feet long bridges.

Tatthitkyun and Bawlekyun of Htantabin Township have better transport based on Yangon and Hmawby, so there is no plan to build the bridge at present.

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