PBANRDA Minister replies to question on upgrading earthen road in Lamudanlay Village in Htantabin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March - At today’s session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency asked whether there is a plan to upgrade the earthen road to gravel one in Lamudanlay Village of Kyudaw Village-tract in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region, and he would like to know the time for upgrading it if it is possible.

In his response, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt said that the Development Committees Law was promulgated as Law No. 5/93 on 1 April 1993 by the State Law and Order Restoration Council to undertake urban beautifying and rural development. Section 9 of the law was stipulated to carry out 31 tasks and supervise them.

According to the law, tax and revenue are to be collected for spending it on beautifying of urban area and development of rural areas.

As Htantabin Township has least amount of tax yearly, the State provides cash assistance for urban and rural development tasks and upgrading roads.

For example, the township has five miles and seven furlongs long tarred roads, one mile long gravel road, 21 miles long laterite roads and 73 miles and seven furlongs long earthen road and 114 bridges at present compared with two miles long gravel road and eight miles long earthen road in 1998.

Spending funds of the State, three miles and one furlong long earthen road linking Yangon West University and Ayeywalay Village was upgraded to the tarred one from 2000-2001 to 2010-2011 financial year.

Development Affairs Department gives priority to population density, needs of economic development and needs of regional development in constructing the rural roads. Whenever the report is submitted to the State due to deficiency of township funds, the government allows the plan on the priority.

According to Section 254 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Chief Ministers of Region and State have the responsibility to manage the spending of funds in line with the Budget Law in the townships.

That is why officials at different levels will review the facts of priority for upgrading the earthen road in Lamudanlay Village of Htantabin Township.

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