A & I Minister replying query on implementation of irrigation system in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March- At today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, U Min Swe of Daiku Constituency said that he had known that the government is implementing many dams for irrigation water; that despite having constructed dams in Bago Region, but not irrigation systems; that he would like to know whether they would be implemented or not, and how to implement if so.

For his part, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo said that the irrigation systems are being implemented although dams were constructed in Bago Region; that eight dam projects with irrigation system namely Kawliya, Bieda, Alieni, Min Hla, Bawbin, Gamone, Khaboung and Yenwe Dams are being implemented in that region; that those dams will irrigate a total of 278230 acres of farmland; that Thoneze Dam Project and Khaboung Dam Irrigation system Project are being constructed with loans of OPEC and they would irrigate a total of 88500 acres of farmland.

The Minister continued that upon completion of irrigation systems being constructed in Bago Region, they would irrigate a total of 366730 acres of farmland; that, irrigation systems are being implemented in other states and regions with the completion of dam projects.

The Minister continued that three irrigation systems-Maday, Pade and Bwetkyi Dam Projects are being constructed in Magway Region; that they would irrigate a total of 17489 acres of farmland; that in Mandalay Region, Chaungmange and Paunglaung Dams with irrigation systems, that would irrigate a total of 43000 acres of farmland; that in Sagaing Region, Myaukyama irrigation system dam project that would irrigate a total of 10000 acres of farmland is being extended; that in Yangon Region, Lagonpyin Dam Project with irrigation system under construction would irrigate a total of 5000 acres of farmland; that in Ayeyawady Region, Ma Mya Dam Project with irrigation system under construction would irrigate a total of 10000 acres of farmland and Kanyin Dam Project with irrigation system is being constructed with loans of Sudi, and that dam would irrigate a total of 25000 acres of farmland; that in Mon State, Kadike Dam Project with irrigation system is under construction and it would irrigate a total of 10000 acres of farmland; that in Rakhine State, Pyinechaung and Zeechaung Dam Projects with irrigation systems are being constructed and they would irrigate a total of 6000 acres of farmland; that in Shan State (North), Moneyin Dam Project with irrigation system under construction would irrigate a total of 2600 acres of farmland; that in Kayin State, Yebo Dam Project with irrigation system that would irrigate a total of 3000 acres of farmland is under construction.

The Minister said that there would be 498819 acres nationwide upon completion of a total of 23 dam projects with irrigation system; that as a result, not only weather changes would be overturned but the farmers would get many benefits by upgrading irrigation systems.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation would carry on its sectors annually depending on the State's budget.

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