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Donations for library put on record, six questions answered, two bills discussed,
one proposal discussed and recorded

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Feb - The third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the seventh
day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of
Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 201 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Than Swe of constituency No.2 in Taninthayi Region contributed 75 books to the library of Amyotha
Hluttaw and the meeting put the donation on record.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives from Taninthayi Region donated cash to the library of Amyotha
Hluttaw and the meeting put the donation record.

Afterwards, representatives asked questions and Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win
answered the questions.

Dr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Region constituency No 7 asked to upgrade the earthen road linking
Nyaungwaigyi Village and Tagundaing Village in Einme Township and Kangyi Village in Myaungmya
Township and asked whether there was a plan to upgrade the earthen road linking Maezali Sarphyusu
in Einme Township and Kangyi, Kyonton villages in Myaungmya Township to a gravel one.

The deputy minister replied that the earthen road linking Nyaungwaigyi Village and Tagundaing
Village in Einme Township and Kangyi Village in Myaungmya Township is five miles and seven
furlongs long. It was estimated that it would cost about 262.455 million kyats to upgrade the road to the
gravel one, he added.

Development Affairs Department would spend 11.055 million kyats on upgrading the 2-furlong road
section of the road in Myaungmya Township and 20 million kyats on upgrading the 3.5-furlong road
section of the road in Einme Township in the 2012- 2013 fiscal year.

The earthen road linking Mezali Sarphyusu and Kangyi and Kyonton in Einme Township is 23 miles
and six furlongs long. The 4-furlong distance of the 19-mile road section of the road in Einme Township
was upgraded to gravel one in the 2008- 2009 fiscal year and two-furlong distance was upgraded in the
2009-2010 fiscal year by Einme Township Development Affairs Department, he added.

Einme Township Development Affairs Committee would spend 80 million kyats on upgrading the two-
 mile-long section of the road in Myaungmya Township and K 40 million on upgrading the one-mile
 long section of the road in Einme Tonship in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, he said.

Afterwards, U Aung Nyein of Magway Region constituency No. 2 asked to help the shortage of
drinking water in Gwaybin Model Village in Gwaybin Village-tract in Chauk Township.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj- Gen Zaw Win replied that the ten-year project on drinking
water supply in rural areas was implemented from the 2000-2001 fiscal year to the 2009-2010 fiscal
year, benefiting 23225 villages out of 64349 villages in the country and a total of 34858 water supply
facilities were built during the ten-year project, he said.

Thirty-six tube wells were drilled and 36 lakes to storage rain water were constructed in Chauk
township at the cost of K 257.96 million funded by Chauk Township DAC , donors and the State,
benefiting 45 villages.

Gwaybin Model Village has over 260 households and has a population of 1555.
There is a tube-well and three lakes built in 1979. Though the township DAC repaired the tube well in the 2008-2009 fiscal year as the water supply from the tube-well had decreased, it did not work again, he added.

The deputy minister gave a green light to the township DAC to repair the tube well at the cost of K 36.47 million.

U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency No. 2 asked whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade Konthedan wooden bridge in MraukU to the bridge with reinforced concrete pillars and wooden floor and to upgrade Bandoola Bridge in MraukU to the iron reinforced one.

The deputy minister replied that Konthedan Bridge is 120 ft long, 6 ft wide and 18 ft high. The wooden bridge was repaired by MraukU Township DAC in the 2006-2007 fiscal year and in the 2008-2009 fiscal year spending the funds of the township DAC. The local people and MraukU Township DAC also repaired the bridge again as it was damaged by the natural disaster in 21 July, 2011.

MyaukU Township DAC would spend K20 million on the first phase of upgrading the bridge in the 2012-2013 fiscal year and the remaining works would be carried out according to yearly plan, he said.

Funded by the State, Bandoola Bridge was upgraded to the wooden bridge with concrete bases and it was 145 ft long, 14 ft wide and 24 ft high in the 2001-2002 fiscal year at the cost of K23.197 million. The bridge was repaired in the 2008-2009 and in the 2011-2012 fiscal years funded by the township DAC, he added. The bridge would be upgraded to the iron reinforced concrete bridge at the cost of K250 million according to the yearly plans of MraukU township DAC.

U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 3 asked whether the ministry had a plan to construct Natsinngu- Yenatchaung Bridge for the development of Kyonpyaw, Yekyi and Laymyathnar townships and to complete the gravel road linking Chingon and Ngapiseik in Yekyi Township.

The deputy minister replied that it was estimate that it would cost around K100 million to construct the 200-foot-in-length Natsinngu-Yenatchaung Bridge and Kyonpyaw Township DAC would spend K30 million to start the work in the 2012- 2013 fiscal year and the remaining works would be carried out according to yearly plans.

Chingon-Chaunghpya-Ngapiseik Road is five miles long and one mile and four furlongs road section of the road was paved gravel in the 2006-2007 fiscal year and four furlong was paved with grave in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, he said.

The remaining earthen section of the road would be upgraded in the 2012-2013 fiscal year and one mile distance of the remaining three miles would be upgraded at the cost of K 40 million : K20 million funded by Yekyi Township DAC and K 20 funded by the State, he added.

U Aung Cho Oo of Bago Region constituency No 11 asked the ministry whether it had a plan to upgrade the road linking Chaukgtinkwin, Kywephyuma, Ywashuang and Wai villages in Okpo Township, the road linking Gonnyindan, Boketho, Didubin and Kanthaya villages and the road linking Kyatsudaw, Htoo Chaung, Kinponchon, Othegon villages to an all-weather road.

The road linking Chaukgtinkwin, Kywephyuma, Ywashuang and Wai villages in Oakpo Township was constructed by the local people in the 1990-1991 fiscal year and the earthen road was 13 miles long and 10 ft wide. The 5-furlong distance of the road was upgraded to the laterite road at the cost of k 1.2 million in the 2004-2005 fiscal year by the township DAC.

The township DAC spent K11.435 million on upgrading the one mile and 2.6 furlong distance of the road to the laterite road in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and it was estimated that it would cost k130.3 million to upgrade the remaining road section which was 12 miles and three furlongs long. In the 2012-
2013 fiscal year, the township DAC would spend K4.4 million on upgrading the three furlong distance of the road section.

Gonnyindan-Kanthaya Road is 5 miles long and 10 ft wide. Though two miles and six furlong distance of the road had been paved with laterite, the road was the earthen road today. The 0.83 furlong distance of the road was paved with laterite in the 1998-1999 fiscal year funded by the township DAC, 1.15 furlong in the 1999-2000 fiscal year and road works was carried out on the 6000 sq ft on the road in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The road was being upgraded in the 2011-2012 fiscal year funded by Okpo Township DAC and one mile and 2.6 furlong road section had been paved with laterite.

It was estimated that it would cost K 51 million to pave the five-mile distance of the road in an attempt to upgrade the road to an all-weather road and the four-furlong distance would be upgraded at the cost of K 5 million in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The upgrading of the road would be carried out according the yearly budget of the township DAC.

Kyatsudaw-Htoochaung-Kinponchon- Othegon village-to-village linking road was seven miles long and 10 ft wide and was constructed by the local people in the 1990-1991 fiscal year. The one-mile section of the road was upgraded to the laterite one at the cost of K12.9 million funded by the township DAC.

The one miles and 2.6 furlongs section of the road was being upgraded at the cost of K11.435 million funded by Okpo Township DAC in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. It was estimated that it would cost K87.2 million to upgrade the remaining 6-mile long earthen section and to construct a wooden bridge across the Gamone Creek.

Therefore, the township DAC would spend K5 million on paving the four furlong distance of the road in the 2012-2013 fiscal year as a first phase.

Regarding the question of U Nain Khin Paung of Chin State Constituency No.7 on “Plan to continue the construction of road that links Khampat Sub-Township and Keekha Sub-township and Manipura river crossing bridge,” the deputy minister said: The road that links Keekha Sub-township of Chin State and Khampat Sub-township of Sagaing Region, is 65 miles long.

Under border area development programme, Field Engineering Battalion has constructed earthen road. The site for construction of Manipura river-crossing bridge is far about 20 miles of Keekha Township. So, it needs to construct about 300-ft-long suspension bridge on the 250-ft-wide river. Construction of road will go on and matter on construction of Manipura river-crossing bridge would be submitted to the Central Committee for implementation of border areas and national races development, based on Chin State Government’s findings and feasibility in order to get assistances from the government.

Regarding the amended Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Management Bill of Pyithu Hluttaw which has approved by Amyotha Hluttaw, U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sharbuphaw of Kayin State Constituency No.1 discussed Chapter (4), Section 10 (a), Sub-section 4, Chapter (6), Section 16 (b) and (c), Chapter (7), Section 21 and Section (10) Sub-section 33.

The Hluttaw decided to make discussions by Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee.

Regarding the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Foreign Investment Bill, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun read out the Bill Committee’s report.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No.9, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No.5, U San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency No.7, U Htay Win (a) U Zar Rat Yawman
of Rakhine State Constituency No.7 and U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No.5 discussed that bill.

Their discussion was that the country needs to have not only proper Investment Law but also good legal system. Myanmar Foreign Investment Laws do not conform with the current conditions, which have existed since many years ago. Foreign Investment Law (bill) with 19 chapters and 47 sections has been compiled with a view to ensuring the development of foreign investment. Many countries show interest in making investment in Myanmar. In doing so, there might be those who want to invest in a legal way as well as opportunists. They suggested that monitoring measure for the foreign investors should be added to Commission’s duty.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss it by Bill Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw. Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No.9, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No.5, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7 and U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No.10 discussed the proposal on U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No.12 on “Urging the Union Government to camp and turn out youth athletes for the 2013 SEA Games to be held as a host country after holding Inter-Basic and Higher Education Schools sport competitions, Inter-region/ state sport competitions, inter-ministry sport competitions including Ministry of Defence across the country”.

Their discussion is that holding of interbasic education, higher education schools sport competitions across the country for the 2013 SEA Games. Inter-ministry sport competitions including Ministry of Defence needs to be held for selection of athletes; selections are to be carried out without giving favors; Encourages are to be given to schoolaged children so as to do sport according to their hobbies; and measures to turn out outstanding athletes in all kinds of sports and camp them as a national duty.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu said that, in his response to the query, the ministry is making efforts to achieve success in the XXVII SEA Games to be held as a host country in 2013, in line with the five pillars laid down by the ministry; the first is to train nominated athletes who are selected from the respective sports federation in the country in a training camp; the second is to give a camp training to the athletes selected from the first Champion Challenge Cup and State/Region Sports competitions, the third is to teach the selected athletes basic and modernized sports techniques, lessons, computer, language lab and ethics lessons; the fourth is to select young athletes from basic education inter-school sports competitions, universities (Upper Myanmar and Lower Myanmar) and colleges sports competitions, and the fifth is to choose athletes from Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Sports competition, which is now being held.

The athletes are being given training camps of the sports federations in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, and a Synthetic Track and gymnasiums are under construction in Lewe Township, while implementing gymnasiums for fuse, badminton, boxing, traditional (Mway), track and field, archery in Zabuthiri Sports zone and mountain bike, BMX, Down Hill bike fields near Mount Pleasant Hotel, and Ngakike Dam is for rowing.

Besides, the athletes in the training camps are being trained with modernized sports aids and supported with refreshment, medicines, sports wears and cash assistance.

The ministry is creating opportunities for the athletes to get a practice with athletes from foreign countries by holding friendly sports competitions and allowing them partake in sports competitions abroad.

In addition, the ministry has arranged prizes for the athletes so as to up their ability.

As for the ministry, it is carrying out tasks mentioned above, forming the leading committee for holding the XXVII SEA Games and the sub-committees.
Tests for referees and juries are being held to serve in the SEA Games, and assessments for experienced volunteers are being carefully done. The deputy minister discussed the proposal to be put on record for it is targeting at the tasks being done by the ministry.

The Hluttaw announced that it is recorded as the proposal.

After that, the sixth day of third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 4:00 pm today.

At the today’s session, the donation of 75 books by U Than Swe of No. 2 Constituency of Thaninthayi Region was put on record, the cash-donation for the library by Amyotha Hluttaw representative of Thaninthayi Region was put on record, six questions were answered, two bills were discussed and one proposal discussed and recorded.

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