Fourth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fifth day Five questions answered, one proposal submitted, decision made for discussion of proposal

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July-Fourth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for fifth day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 204 MPs.

At the question-and-answer session, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied to the questions raised by U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No.6 on "Ministry of Health has any plan to provide station hospitals in village-tracts with X-ray machines, X-ray rooms and generators"; by U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency No.6 on "there is any plan to extend new wards in Mohnyin District Hospital (100-bed) and to fill the vacant posts of specialists and health staff there"; by U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No.12 on "there is any plan to make necessary repair of Nyaungyan Station Hospital (16-bed) to become highclass one, to build staff quarters, to solve drinking water problem and to provide it with X-Ray room and necessary equipment"; and by U Aye of Mandalay Constituency No.7 on "there is any plan to appoint an orthopedist in NyaungU District People's Hospital".

With respect to the above-mentioned questions, the Deputy Minister replied that Ministry of Health was providing region/state hospitals with hospital equipment if necessary on a priority basis. It needed to fill designated form when hospital equipments were asked for. Then, it needed to be presented to head of Township Health Department and countersigned by head of region/state health department.

After those processes, the Ministry was scrutinizing and providing equipment to the hospitals.

District-level hospitals had been equipped with X-ray machines. For the township hospitals, hospitals that had no X-ray machines were provided with X-ray machines on a priority basis. Station hospitals were supplied based on the construction of standard X-ray room and electricity supply.

As to the second one, although head of Mohnyin District Health Department had yet to present the report asking for construction of extended patient wards in Mohnyin District Hospital (100-bed), it would be put on the priority list of 2013- 2014 financial year if the head submitted engineer's estimated calculation of the number of average patients received daily, current patient wards, scale model for construction of new one and needed funds.

With respect to the third one, priority would be given to the repair work, construction of staff quarters, solving of drinking water problem, supply of X-ray room and necessary equipments if respective health supervisory committee submitted the necessary fund along with engineer's estimated calculation to Health Department.

Regarding the fourth one, specialists (orthopedic) did not include in the organizational structure of NyaungU People's Hospital (100-bed). But, one assistant orthopedic surgeon would be appointed there soon.

Regarding the question raised by U Win Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No.2 on "there is any plan to carry out 24/7 electricity supply in Taungthaman village of Amrapura Township, Mandalay Region and to amend and relax 24 points to be followed by Village Electricity Supply Committee across the country, including Taungthaman village", Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Aung Than Oo replied that Ministry of Electric Power No.2 had to distribute electricity, based on electric power generation.

With the increased production of electricity, extended construction of power grid and sub-power stations was carried out for the timely distribution of power.

Although there were limitations of power distribution in the past, power distribution was not limited when there was full power generation capacity.

But, power was distributed to villages on once four day basis as an alternative power distribution system was carried out in the summer.

Towers of Shweli- Mansan 230 KV power grid were destroyed by the mines.

So, there was a decrease of 200 Megawatts, and power could be distributed to Taungthaman village of Amrapura Township only one time per four days. But, power distribution time in villages was from 5 pm to 5 am daily as of 4 June on which more power could be generated. If there was sufficient electricity, power would be supplied to villages round the clock.

As standard power grid and sub-power stations could not be built in the past, there occurred more danger of electricity, lost of power and frequent repairs. In addition, due to the lack of perpetual maintenance and misappropriation of money, the committee was enforced to follow 24 points as disciplines, based on those factors.

The power distribution system was designated in advance to reduce the loads alternatively at times when there was no sufficient power generation. Those 24 points were disciplines designated for carry out village power supply systematically. Based on the weaknesses and losses, those disciplines were laid down. It was designated for long-term benefits of power distribution system. So, there was no plan to relax those 24 points.

A representative seconded the proposal submitted by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3 on"urging the Union Government to draft and enact new law on Civil House Rental Business Development and to withdraw Civil Rent Supervisory Act (1960)".

Hluttaw approved and decided to discuss it. And Hluttaw announced that those representatives who want to discuss were to submit their name lists. The meeting came to an end at 10.45 am, and sixth day session will go on at 10 am tomorrow. At today's session, five questions were raised and answered, one proposal submitted and decision made for discussion of it.

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