

## **Fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continues for ninth day Six questions answered in today's session**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July - Amyotha Hluttaw continued its meeting for the ninth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 representatives.

In the question and answer session, U Myint Htun of Bago Region Constituency No.11 asked a plan to build a 16-bed hospital in the Village of Zibyugon in Latpadan Township, Bago Region; Dr Myat Nyanna Soe of Yangon Region constituency No. 4 asked if there is a plan to allow out-service doctors to join post-graduate courses as in-service doctors; UThan Myint of Taninthayi Region constituency No. 10 asked if there is a plan to help the situation that Taninthayi Hospital is not reliable for patients and to send a surgeon to the hospital and U Mya Ohn of Kachin State constituency No 8 asked matters related to upgrading of hospitals in Hpa-kant Township.

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that the dispensary at the Village of Zibyugon Village has been promoted to a 16-bed hospital. Though the village has agreed to build the building for the hospital on self-reliance basis, the plan has not yet come into take shape.

The Health Department has not yet planned to construct the building for the station hospital in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. However, the department will give top priority to construction of the building in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that in-service doctors can pursue the medical diploma courses, master courses and post-graduate Ph. D courses while post-graduate diploma courses are conducted for out-service doctors.

The issue of allowing out-service doctors to attend post-graduate medical courses have been discussed at meetings of the Management Committee of the Ministry of Health and today, the courses cannot provide enough seats even to in-service doctors due to training capacity.

To promote the capacity of out-service doctors who are working at private hospitals and clinics, the hospital they are working for will take responsibility for their sustainable learning opportunities. They will be accepted to attend the post-graduate courses when an opportune situation happened.

Regarding the third question, the deputy minister replied that the old ECG machine at Taninthayi Township Hospital was replaced with the new one about four months ago and the hospital spent its funds to get the new one. The 50mA X-ray machine is being repaired at the Central Medical Storage Department in Yangon on 6 July, 2012, and if the machine is beyond repair, the ministry will provide a new machine to the hospital.

Concerning surgical operations, the township hospital will provide surgical operations that it can perform and it will transfer patients who need to receive treatment given by specialists to a People's Hospital. Meanwhile, in an attempt to gain trust from patients, medical staff would explain the patients until they understand why they are sent to the People's Hospital.

Still, there is no plan to assign a surgeon to Taninthayi Township Hospital due to its organizational set-up as it is the 50-bed one.

However, one assistant surgeon and one township health officer will be assigned to the hospital when the number of patients increases in the future.

Regarding the fourth question, the deputy minister replied that the Health Department has already issued an order dated 13, January, 2011, to construct a 16-bed hospital in Hpakant Township, Kachin State and work on construction of the building for the hospital will start in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to the query raised by Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) on “whether or not there is any plan to take action against the bus lines running in town and expresses that break the bus line laws and fail to meet the standard of a passenger bus”, and by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) on “when will the required gravels to be used in repairing the remaining sections of Latpadan-Tharawaw railway section delivered to the site”. He said that Road Transport Administration Department issued a license to a passenger bus only if it has acceptable capacity. But some bus owners added more seats than usual in their buses so as to get more profits. The Department did not give green light to such owners. For most of the buses plying in town were Japan-made, the department issued licenses to them in accord with their type approval. Officials from the department together with officials from the Transport Planning Department and the Traffic Police Force continue inspecting buses at highway terminals and bus-stops before those buses were in operation. Effective actions would be taken against the buses that are not in conformity with the set standards with the notifications of the representatives and the public are to inform the department.

Regarding the query raised by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10), the Union Minister said that Myanmar Railway was carrying out the maintenance of railways sections with the use of 19 gravel coaches.

Filling of gravels on Yangon-Mandalay up/ down (771 miles) and Yangon round railroad up/down (59 miles) are on top priority. For Yangon-Pyay railroad section, only 1374.80 suds of gravel had been filled from June, 2011 to date. Latpadan-Tharawaw railroad section would be supplied with gravels before the last week of August.

The meeting came to an end at 11 am and continues at 10 am tomorrow. At the today’s session, six questions were raised and answered.-MNA

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