

## **Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 13th day - Five questions answered, two bills put forward**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July-The fourth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 13th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 205 MPs. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig- Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied to the question of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency (12) about if there is any plan to form highway traffic rules enforcement forces to constantly monitor and take actions against recklessly-moving vehicles, humans and animals on Yangon- Mandalay Highway, the question of U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency (11) about if there is any plan to enact certain provision or specific law for enabling Myanmar migrants come back to motherland, the question of U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency about if there is any plan to fulfill the requirements of Mawtaung in Taninthayi Region.

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that the Construction Ministry is erecting and repairing notice signboards and road signs to enforce traffic rules along Yangon-Mandalay highway. Yangon- Mandalay highway maintenance team comprising 25 superintending engineers (civil) led by the chief engineer (road) under which there is a team consisted of a senior assistant engineer for every 12 miles of the highway to help curb road accidents and to enforce highway rules issued by the Ministry.

Plans are under way to establish new (A) level police station on No. 3 Highway in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District another one in Bayataung Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area to accelerate measures for security and the rule of law and traffic rules enforcement works and to help reduce road accident death along Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Police station along the highway and the Public Works are increasingly enforcing traffic rules and tightening security along the highway.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that Myanmar expats in foreign countries for various reasons apply visa for short visit, social visit and for resettlement in Myanmar.

Those wishing to come back firstly have to contact the Myanmar embassy concerned and fill the application form first which is then submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Immigration and Population are working in coordination enabling Myanmar experts come back home at the invitation of the President.

In so doing, there does not need to enact a particular law as it is the special invitation of the President, but related works are in systematic operation in line with rules and procedures of the entrance visa.

So, it will not need to promulgate a law as such works are being carried out in line with accurate and firm principles enabling Myanmar expats come back home at the invitation of the President without delay. Myanmar expats only need to follow the procedures if wishing to come back home.

Regarding the third question, the deputy minister replied that out of the three border gates to neighbor Thailand, only Kawthoung- Ranong gate is open under the cross-border agreement of the two countries.

Agreements have not been reached for opening of other two gates-Mawtaung and Htikhi. It will need the coordination between the two countries to open border trade camp and border gate in Mawtaung as it is not in the agreement.

If the two countries reach an agreement, the Ministry of Immigration and Population would assign its staff there to handle related works, to issue border pass and temporary border pass.

To undertake roadworks on Myeik-Mawtaung road with BOT system, Yuzana Co has signed agreement with the Public Works to carry out roadworks on 50 miles and five furlongs long Myeik-Taninthayi road section and 69 miles long Taninthayi-Thaebyu- Mawtaung road section.

Roadworks on those road sections are planned to start in open season this year.

Taninthayi Region government has made field trip to Mawtaung to check its requirements for opening of Mawtaung border gate and ensure long-term smooth transportation. It would put the works into operation after the monsoon.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo replied to the question of U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency (3) about if there is any plan to construct Taunggyi power station and the question of U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency (6) about if there is any plan to supply power to Indawgyi region from Hsedawgyi national grid for supplying electricity to local people in Indawgyi region.

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that 132/66KV60MVA power station and 44 miles long Taunggyi-Hsihseng 66 KV power line have been projected in five-year plan so as to start the construction in 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Upon completion of power line and power station projects, Taunggyi District and surrounding regions would have full access to electricity and the surplus would be supplied to districts and townships in Shan State (North) through 66 KV power line.

So, the two facilities would be implemented depending on the funds allocation of the Union government.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that construction of 66/ 11 KV (5) MVA power station was completed in Mohnyin Township on 23-4-2012. It was first intended to increase electricity supply to Mohnyin and surrounding regions. But later it was found that it would result in low voltage and electricity outage if the electricity was provided to the whole surrounding regions. However, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 would construct 66/33/11 KV 3 MVA power station and 13 miles long 33KV power line from Mohnyin to Namhom Village and 33/11 KV 3 MVA power station in Namhmon Village depending on the fund allocation.

Electricity would be supplied from Namhmon power station to its surrounding villages and other villages in Indawgyi through 11 KV power line.

The villages of Indawgyi Region could quickly receive the electricity from Namhmon power station by forming village electricity supply committee and construct related facilities on self-reliant basis. The ministry would permit it within the framework and provide technical support.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe submitted disaster management bill to the Hluttaw for discussion. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and MPs wishing to discuss the bill are enlist by 27 July, announced the Hluttaw.

Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein submitted profession and capacity building bill to the Hluttaw. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and MPs wishing to discuss the bill are enlist by 27 July, announced the Hluttaw.

The session came to an end at 10.50 and the 14th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.  
Five questions were answered and two bills put forward at today's session.

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