NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug-The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the 21st day at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by 203 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied to questions on roads and bridges raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to the question asking whether there is a plan to upgrade Maungmagan-Hmyawyt section in Launglon Township by U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 3, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Border Affairs plans to spend K 88.25 million on repaving one mile and two furlongs long section in 2012-2013 supplementary fund and K 88.25 million on repaving of one mile and two furlongs long section in 2013-2014 financial year.

U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 asked whether there is a plan to expand the width of 51 miles long road from Rezwa Sub-Township to Lailinpi Village and construct a new 40-mile road from Lailinpi Village to Shinletwa Village. The deputy minister replied that about K 156.18 million will be spent on expanding 12 feet wide facility to 18 feet wide one of 51 miles long Rezwa-Lailinpi Road and K 55.2 million on 34 miles long and 12 feet wide earth road from Lailinpi Village to Shinletwa Village. The funds will be allotted in 2013-2014 fiscal year and 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Along the road, 300 feet long and 14 feet wide Hteinhsi Creek Bridge will be improved as steel frame facility in 2012-2013 fiscal year spending K 1575 million, and it will be the first priority. In 2013-2014 fiscal year, estimated cost of K 1050.5 million will be spent on construction of 200 feet long and 14 feet wide steel frame bridge across Vahar Creek with the financial assistance of India.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Tamagon-Shwehlan-Nyaungaing-Buyon rural road to gravel road in Thazi Township. The deputy minister replied that a plan has been set to upgrade the said rural road to the 12 feet wide road in 2013-2014 fiscal year. Likewise, five miles long Kanthitgon-Ywapalegyi-Kyitaingkon-Thazi inter-village road will be improved in 2014-2015 fiscal year to be 12 feet wide gravel road.

With regard to the question asking whether there is a plan to construct an earthen road linking Yesagyo and Pakhanngne Village by passing through Nyaungzauk, Megen, Tawywa, Thanmatapoh, Singaing and Chitthu villages by U Aung Than of Magway Region Constituency No. 10, the deputy minister replied that plans are under way to expand the said road to five miles and two furlongs long and 16 feet wide earthen road and three wooden bridges on Nyaungzauk-Thanmatapoh Road Section in 2013-2014 fiscal year and three wooden bridge on Singaing-Chitthu road in 2014-2015 fiscal year.

After that, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied to questions on home affairs raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 asked that as some organizations under various names in addition to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) commit problems among the people, administrative bodies/departments, he would like to know how the organizations will be supervised to take registration and to do allowed tasks under the law. The Union Minister replied that NGOs are to submit applications for registrations with the endorsements of respective township, district and state/region General Administration Departments in line with the law, procedures and directives.
Depending on vision and mission of the NGOs, remarks are to be sought from the respective ministries, and executive committee members of the organizations are to be scrutinized whether they are related to political parties and they are cleared in crimes step by step. Next, the Association Institution and Supervision Central Committee headed by the Union Minister for Home Affairs scrutinizes the applications of associations and organizations again and decides to allow them. The decisions are to be submitted the Cabinet Meeting of the Union Government and sought the approval. Then, five-year term permits are issued to the organizations under disciplines.

Departments concerned are supervising the constitution of the associations and tasks of NGOs for ensuring systematic measures under procedures and directives under the guidance of the Union government. However, if the activities of organizations are not in conformity with the principle of the association constitution law and harm the stability and prevalence of law and order of the State, action will be taken against them.

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 6 asked whether there is a plan to constitute marine police force or coast guard with the use of speed boats for security of western coasts and water courses of developing Myanmar in the future. The Union Minister replied that Myanmar Police Force has issued an order to formation of the Marine Police Force on 9 July 2012. The Marine Police Force will be headquartered in Nay Pyi Taw and it will control three branches in Yangon, Kyaukpyu and Dawei ports and eight sections in Pathein, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Thandwe, Myeik, Kawthoung, Mandalay and Wampon (Mekong). The Marine Police Force is under constitution for prevention against the acts jeopardize the interest of the State and the people and sovereignty of the nation, combating the committing of crimes and attempts to commit crimes and discharging of duties for security of coasts and water courses.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Than Myint read the reports of the committee on Bill Revoking Public Welfare Services Protection Act. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal to the Hluttaw for seeking the approval of the bill, and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Sun Dok Ciint read the report of the committee on Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention Disturbances and Oppositions, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted the proposal to be approved and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw approved the bill.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal on bill revoking Land Confiscation (Mines) Act to be considered by the Amyotha Hluttaw and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw decided to accept the proposal to be discussed and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist their nominations, not later than 9-8-2012.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted the Securities Exchange Bill to be discussed by the Amyotha Hluttaw and a representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw decided to accept the proposal to be discussed and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist their nominations, not later than 9-8-2012.

Secretary of Local and Foreign Non-governmental Organization Committee U Swe Aung read out the report of the committee to the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The representatives willing to discuss the report are to submit their name list not later than 4 pm on 9-8-2012.
U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency (6), Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (6), Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1), U Zon Hla Htan of Chin State Constituency (2), U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency (8), U Boe Yal of Kayah State Constituency (3), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10), Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) and U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency (9) discussed the proposal “urging the Union government to pursue development plans for less developed ethnic people” submitted by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8). They said the government should invite foreign investments in agricultural for development of the states. Development plans for coastal region should be pursued. The policy of “the poor takes more” from Union development fund should be adopted in least developed regions.

Comprehensive management schemes based on natural resources of each state are needed. Natural resources, human resources, geopolitical advantages, energy and technical resources, monetary policy, financial resources and market should be considered at planning stage. Each region or state should be entitled to claim at least 10-25 percent of tapped natural resources. The role of the State Hluttaws must be improved and the State governments must operate effectively.

Road transportation is a sine qua none for development of states. Accessibility of electricity and water, manufacturing industries, regional products, border gates and border trade camps, technical know-how of nationals and regional peace are key to development.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win said in his discussion a fund of 496.63 billion-178.49 billion from border area development fund and 318.13 billion from other ministerial funds-was used for border area development tasks in yearly National Plans from 1989-1990 fiscal year to May 2012. The tasks include construction of 5718 miles and six furlongs long earth roads, 4388 miles and three furlongs long gravel roads and 2647 miles and seven furlongs long tarred roads; maintenance of 3967 miles and five furlongs long roads, construction of 202 huge bridges, 1655 small bridges, 86 suspension bridges, 107 BEHSs, 91 BEMSs, 928 BEPSs, 100 hospitals, 99 dispensaries, 123 public health centres, 291 rural health centres, 31 agricultural offices, 118 agricultural stations, 81 dams, five canals, 11 tractor stations, four breeding farms and 41 veterinary offices; electrification of 207 towns with 276 generators; electrification of 51 towns/villages with hydropower and 114 retransmission stations; 54 post offices, 47 telegraph offices and 86 telephone booths.

The ministry has planned to request K 121778.548 million yearly for border region development tasks from the third year 2013-2014 FY to fifth year 2015-2016 FY of five-year National Plan.

Since 1992, the Border Affairs Ministry cooperated with four UN agencies, five nations and 14 NGOs for ensuring more incomes, infrastructural development, health and sanitation in Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State, Taninthayi Region and Sagaing Region up to 30-6-2012 with US$ 377.928 million.

Regarding incomes generation plan, community development plan for remote townships (CDRT 1997-2012) and integrated community development plan (ICDP 2003-2012) have been implemented in seven townships in Kachin State, eight townships in Chin State, seven townships in Rakhine State, one township in Kayin State, seven townships in Shan State and one township in Kayah State.

Agricultural equipment, quality seeds, capitals, pesticides, model plantations, fishing materials, model plots and trainings were provided.

The Health Department of the Ministry of Health undertakes the health and disease prevention. The Rural Region Development Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs is also undertaking sanitation tasks in cooperation with UNICEF. The 10-year drinking water supply project started since 2001-2002 fiscal year and completed cent per cent in 2010-2011 fiscal year, leaving 1611 water sources in regions and states including 539 wells, 503 deep wells, 176 lakes, 82 manually sunken wells, 72 natural
streams and 239 others. The cooperation with UNICEF in health and sanitation tasks since 1997 and built 95 village market toilets in 2011-2012 fiscal year. From 2003 to 2012, the ministry has built 55790 toilets in cooperation with UNDP.

For human resources development, the ministry has opened 29 border areas and national races youths development trainings schools, one Union national races youth development university and two Union national races youths development degree colleges, four border areas and national races youth technical training schools, 36 women’s domestic vocational training schools.

Following guidance of border areas and national races development implementation committee and based on necessities of the regions, the tasks will be carried out with added momentum.

Hluttaw Representative Dr Myint Kyi demanded the vote for his proposal. The proposal was approved with the majority vote.

Today’s session concluded at 3.50 pm and 22nd day session will be held on 8 August.

At today’s session, six questions were answered, two bills approved, two bills submitted, one report submitted, and one proposal discussed and approved.-MNA

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