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in realizing compulsory education system [Amyotha Hluttaw 25th day]**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug-The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the 25th day at Amyotha Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representative including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied to the questions on education sector raised by six Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 6 asked whether there is a plan to hire part time foreigner professors for enhancement of English proficiency. The deputy minister replied that in the past, as English major courses were conducted only at Yangon Institute of Education, the English language professors were hired from abroad for training the students with high proficiency. At present, English major courses are being conducted at arts and science universities across the nation.

The Ministry of Education places emphasis on training English language courses to the faculty members and students for uplift of their proficiency, sending scholarship students to foreign countries, assigning them to attend the international meetings, realizing faculty exchange programmes based on bilateral agreements and implementing comprehensive education sector review-CESR to be able to turn out faculty members from Institutes of Education and Education Colleges.

Moreover, the English language proficiency courses are being conducted to uplift international cooperation at National Centre for English Language and Myanmar- India Centre for English Language Training, so efforts are being made for ensuring availability of native speaker faculty members.

U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No 5 asked a question whether there is plan to appoint general workers at basic education schools. The deputy minister replied that before appointment of general worker posts at basic education primary schools, the staff in pay scale of daily wages will be appointed at the school as of 2013-2014 academic year.

U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No 10 asked he wanted to know the plan to solve problems of teachers from BEPSs in villages. The deputy minister replied that in realizing the compulsory education system, school textbooks and six exercise books each are provided to students from KG to fourth standard free of charge.

School textbook shops are allowed to enjoy eight per cent discount in selling school textbooks.

Textbooks are transported from presses to main warehouse and then to sales centres through State fund.

The school textbooks are distributed in accord with the student numbers in the examination result.

Therefore, if the number of textbooks is less than that of the student numbers, necessity number of books can be demanded with the list. Thus, all the students may accept the school textbooks sufficiently.

The budget was allotted as imprest money K 50000 to BEPS with less than 100 students per year, K 80000 to less than 200 students, K 100,000 to more than 200 students.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No 12 asked where there is a plan to renovate or rebuild Basic Education Primary School in Kokka Village of Hanthawady Village-tract in Gangaw Township and whether there is a plan to create opportunity for teachers of English subject to attend Diploma of Global English Course being conducted at National Centre for English Language. The deputy minister replied that new schools of basic education are being built and extended through the State allotted fund

and contributions of the State, parents and wellwishers annually. The capital fund for 2013-2014 fiscal year will be scrutinized for renovation of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kokka Village of Gangaw Township.

The Global English Course, being opened at National Centre for English Language, is aimed at raising English proficiency of departmental staff. Thus, teachers from higher and basic education departments in Yangon Region are attending the courses on Saturdays and Sundays of their accord.

The course gives lectures on uplift of oral skill including teaching English to teachers from higher and basic education sectors.

Arrangements will be implemented soon to train the teachers so as to provide multiplier courses to raising English proficiency of teachers from basic and higher education sectors by coordinating experts and organizations at home and abroad.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No 12 asked whether there is a plan to construct new school buildings at basic education schools in Thazi Township.

The deputy minister replied that four of 12 basic education schools will be extended with new school buildings on priority in Thazi Township for 2013- 2014 academic year.

U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 asked where there is a plan to upgrade No 6 Basic Education Middle School (Branch) to BEMS in Kalay. The deputy minister replied that BEMS (Branch) No 6 in Tahan Ward of Kalay will be upgraded to the BEMS this academic year.

After that, the Amyotha Hluttaw approved the Bill Revoking International Relations Act sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with its approval.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Hsun Dok Ciint read the report of the Bill Committee on Bill Amending Limitation Act.

U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine State Constituency No 5 discussed amendment, supplement and substitution matters in the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to re-hear the bill by the Bill Committee again.

Afterwards, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Appeals Committee U Hmat Gyi and Chairman U Aung Nyein submitted the report of the committee to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw invited those representatives who want to discuss the report to enlist not later than at 4 pm, 16 August, 2012.

Afterwards, Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw submitted the report the committee to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw invited those representatives who want to discuss the report to enlist not later than at 4 pm, 16 August, 2012.

Afterwards, the proposal urging the Union Government not to post the clerks for ward/villagetract administration at one ward or village over three years submitted by U Hla Swe of Magway Region constituency No 12 was discussed by U Thein Shwe of Ayeyawady Region constituency No 10 saying that it was found that the proposal aimed at preventing the clerks for ward/village tract administration from doing inappropriate acts interfering and influencing the power of the administrative officers.

However, what should be considered is that transferring a clerk every three year would be helpful to administration at grass root levels. Those who serve as ward/village-tract administration officials should have the nationalistic fervour and should be willing to work in the interests of the people.

Meanwhile, the people in their part are to support the democratic system. When the democratic system began to pick up speed, the country would get rid of the corruption. The translation of the proposal to transfer a clerk every three year into action would impact greatly some young service personnel. He suggested to discover only those who were responsible for inappropriate acts and to take action against them. The Ward or Village-tract Administration Law have been enacted, he said. He also suggested to posts for the clerks for the ward or village-tract administration should be assigned with experienced personnel if there is no educated personnel to assign to the post, and the chairmen and the clerks for the ward or village-tract administration should receive training for administrative skills.

U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Shar Bu Phawt of Kayin State constituency No 1 said that it is found that clerks are more powerful than the ward or village-tract administration officials and he has the same view with U Thein Swe. He also called on the Union government for taking necessary measures to solve the issue.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs has assigned lower division clerks to the post of ward/village-tract clerks to help office works at 16681 wards/village-tracts.

With the permission of the ward/village-tract administration officers, they have to collect monthly data related to the administration, socio-economy, management at the offices and security issues with 27 forms and have to report it to the ward/village-tract administration officials. The ward/village-tract administration officials have to handle the issues of administration, socioeconomy of wards and villages and the clerks have to support the works to be met with success.

The township/district administration officials have to supervised the clerks and if someone complain about them, the township/district administration officials have to look into the cases and have to take necessary actions against them.

If 16681 clerks are transferred every three year, they will face difficulties for their basic necessities including livelihood and travels. Besides, there would be weak in office works as there is only one at an office, and there would happen wrong statistics and delays as an incoming clerk of an office is familiar with new region.

Therefore, the proposal should not be introduced to the Hluttaw and it should be put on record.

U Hla Swe who submitted the proposal suggested to put the proposal on record and the Hluttaw decided to put it on record.

U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region constituency No 7 submitted a proposal to draw a new Myanmar Citizenship Law and to revoke the current Myanmar Citizenship Law (the 1982 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No-4).

A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and invited those who want to discuss the proposal to enlist.

Afterwards, U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State constituency No 9 submitted a proposal calling on the Union Government in an attempt to prevent riots like the riots broke out in Rakhine State in June, 2012, to uncover the illegal migrants entered the country through borders and to take actions against them in accordance with the law, and in an attempt to provide safe and security to local people and for their livelihood, to draw plans in comply with the time and situation and to implement them.

The proposal was put to the vote and was rejected as those who favoured the proposal was less than 40.

The meeting ended at 2.10 pm and will continue tomorrow.

During today meeting, six questions were answered, one bill was approved, one bill is discussed, two reports were submitted, one proposal was discussed and two new proposals were submitted.

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