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NAY PYI TAW, 5 July - The fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for second day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 413 MPs.

At the meeting, one urgent proposal was submitted and informed to the Hluttaw, eight questions answered, reports presented, two new proposals and one bill submitted, and one bill passed.

U Thein Swe of An Constituency as an urgent proposal proposed that Pyithu Hluttaw representatives should donate the three-day meal allowance provided by the Hluttaw to local people of Rakhine State for their current livelihood as they were injured and lost shelters and properties in riots in Rakhine State in June, 2012; that those who can afford to donate more and wishing to do so should contribute more; that National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee and Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee should dispatch a group constituted with Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to Rakhine State to learn the conditions there, and to comfort the sufferers .

The Hluttaw accepted the proposal and decided to handle it.

Regarding the proposal, the Hluttaw Speaker said he assumed that the proposal and support as regard to Rakhine State is based on sympathy and goodwill of the MPs calling for proper actions of the Hluttaw to the issue. How to resolve the issue is more important than financial assistance and goodwill and sympathy toward the sufferers. The Speaker thanked the proposer and the supporters urging the committees and commission to work utmost to convey the goodwill and sympathy to the sufferers and accomplish the measures of the Hluttaw.

Pyithu Hluttaw has asked Amyotha Hluttaw to send back the Foreign Investment Bill under discussion at the Hluttaw to it in order that it can review the bill for the interests of the nation and its people and accepted the bill on 4 July. The Bill Committee is reported to re-submit the bill together with the amendments and recommendations of the committees and commission concerned.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied to three questions. Regarding to question of U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency about if there is a plan to upgrade Zalun-Danubyu-Kyeinbinse road section on Hinthada- Yangon Road to tarred facility , the deputy minister replied that the road section linking Nyaungdon, Danubyu and Zalun townships in Ayeyawady Region is 35 miles and seven furlongs long. It is planned to tarmac the road in 2012-2013 fiscal year and 11 miles and six furlongs long section of the road would be the tarred facility at the end of 2012-2013 fiscal year and the remaining section would be tarmacked in 2013-2014 fiscal year, asking capital expenditure from the Union government.

Regarding the questions of U Thurein Zaw of Kawkareik Constituency about if there is a plan to upgrade the 44 miles and seven furlongs long grave road linking Kawkareik, Taungkyain, Maethayoe, and Kyainseikkyi , the deputy minister replied that Kawkareik-Taungkyain- Maethayoe section is the part of Mudon-Myawady road and 8 miles and seven furlongs long Kawkareik-Hlinekwe section is being carried out by Aye Ko Family Construction Co with B.O.T system whereas Hpa-an District Public Works undertakes 26 miles and three furlongs long Hlinekwe- Taungkyain-Maethayoe section. With 2011-2012 fiscal year minor maintenance fund, 330 feet-long Hlinekwe Bridge was repaired and road and bridge repairing works would be carried out further with maintenance allotment of the Union government in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Maethayoe-Kyainseikkyi road is 12 miles long which was partially repaired in 2011-2012 fiscal year. The raod would be upgraded with capital expenditure of K 100 million in 2012-2013 fiscal year and the maintenance and upgrading would be carried out further depending on the amount of fund allotment of the Union government.

Regarding the question of U Mya Thein about if there is a plan to continue building Bogale river-crossing bridge, the basic requirement for Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Region as soon as possible , the deputy minister replied that construction of the bridge started on 1 July, 2010 and so far the work has been completed by 67.5 per cent.

From 2010-2011 fiscal year to 2012-2013 fiscal year, a total of K 7670 million was granted and further K 5646 million would be required for completion of the whole project. Myaungdaga Steel Factory of Myanma Economic Corporation has been instructed to manufacture steel truss for the main bridge and it is planned to finish the bridge within 2013. Measures would be taken to get the required fund and steel trusses in time.

Regarding the question of U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency who asked whether the Union government's purpose of purchasing rice to keep as reserve is aimed at adjusting the market price if the price of rice increases or not , Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied that in line with fundamental principle of the constitution, actions were taken to purchase the rice reserves of the State in order that farmers can get profits, people can purchase and consume rice in convenience, and it can be used as necessary in case of emergency in the State. In case there is price hikes above normal in the market and other states of emergencies, the price would be adjusted to normal by supplying the market with reasonable price, which is the primary purpose of keeping rice reserves. If the price of rice in domestic market is stable and there is surplus, some portions of rice reserves would be exported, it is also planned.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replied to questions of the two Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to questions of U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency over whether there is any plan as to designation of brick industry zones in the regions and states and any steps to be taken by the government for the livelihood of families of the brick industry, the deputy minister said that the government did not allow the establishment of brick industry zone but allow only brick making groups. Therefore, there is no plan for designation of brick industry zones in the regions and states. By nature, the brick industry is detrimental to environment. Globally, the brick industry is being substituted with the light sand industry with high technology. The Ministry of Industry in cooperation with entrepreneurs is engaged in the light sand industry through public private partnership (PPP).

As regards second question, the deputy minister explained that the brick industry is done in the regions and states as a traditional work, it is carried out for education and health purpose and as the families of the brick industry live near their villages they can earn their living with other jobs when the brick industry is out of season.

With regard to questions of U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmei Constituency over what he would like to know the use of gypsum, how to use it and its mining standard and there is any plan over the establishment of the Staterun factory based on the raw materials produced from Maukmei Township. The deputy minister replied that gypsum produced in Maukmei Township is industrial raw materials and it is alabaster in white color whose refinement of 99.33 per cent. They are used as moulds, raw materials for cement and hospital-used plaster after being grained and mixed with water.

As to the second question, the deputy minister replied that there is no plan for the establishment of State-run factory for the time being as the investment values and market shares values have to be weighed. Using those raw materials, gypsum board, Plaster of Paris (P.O.P) can be produced. Thus,

industrialists could make investment on it after assessing technology, quality, market and price competitiveness.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied questions of the two Hluttaw representatives over education sector.

As regards the question of U Thein Aung of Thanbyuzayat Constituency over there is any plan to upgrade Setse Village BEHS (branch) of Thanbyuzayat Township into BEHS level this academic year, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Education is in the process of implementing the four-year education promotion plan (2012-2013 to 2015-2016) with the opening of new schools and upgrading of the old ones. As there are only 102 high school students in Setse Village BEHS (branch), there is no any plan yet to upgrade it into BEHS, and efforts would be made to upgrade it into BEHS in 2013-2014 academic year.

As to the question of U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Toke over there is any plan to upgrade Bawde Village BEMS in Momeik Township into BEHS (branch) in 2012-2013 academic year, the deputy minister replied that as there are only 265 middle school students in the middle, there is no plan yet to upgrade it into BEHS (branch) and steps will be taken to able to upgrade it into BEHS (branch) in 2013- 2014 academic year.

As to the reports submission sector, the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Public Account Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw was presented by Committee Chairman U Thurein Zaw, the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Hluttaw Rights Committee by Committee member U Paik Htwe and the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee by Committee Chairman U Win Sein.

Those reports are to be discussed and approved on 9 July, and Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss them are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 6 July. As to the proposals submission sector, the proposal of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency on drawing a law on the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Disable Persons Rights and the proposal of U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency on drawing a plan on contract farming between company farms owned by private farmers, farmers and import & export companies for food security, obtaining raw materials and boosting export incomes were submitted.

The proposal of U Tin Maung Win will be discussed on 9 July and Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss it are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 6 July. The proposal of U Kyi Myint were objected by three Hluttaw representatives, and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than suggested that the proposal should be revoked as it will not need the prescription of the government according to economic system being practiced.

And the proposal of U Kyi Myint were allowed to be revoked according to his wishes.

As to the bill submission sector, Vice Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw's Education Promotion Committee Dr Mya Oo submitted the 2012 Education Research Bill and committee member Daw Nan Wah Nu read the findings over the bill by the Bill Committee.

The date to discuss the bill will be announced later and those who want to submit the proposal on amendment are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 10 July, stating completely the para, sub-para of the Bill they want to amend.

With regard to the bill approval sector, the Bill Committee and U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency and Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency discussed the amendment para, sub-para on the 2012 examination board bill presented by Pyithu Hluttaw's Education Promotion Committee at the 20 th day third regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw Meeting and Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu made clarifications.

The today meeting decided to leave the heading of the Bill, the Chapter-1 heading, Para-1 (b,c), Para-2 (a,b,c,d,e) and Sub-para (d) (5,9,11,12) as the amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw and the remaining amendments are to be discussed later.

The meeting came to an end at 3.50 pm and the third day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

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