

Will sericulture become contributor to Chin State's economy? [Amyotha Hluttaw, 32nd day]

NAY PYI TAW 22 Aug - Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 32nd day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall, Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 216 MPs.

Regarding the question of Dr Khin Maung Lay of Bago Region Constituency No (8) about if there is any plan to relax passport application procedures for old age medics, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that currently there was no plan to do, explaining the procedures in practice.

Regarding the question of U J Yawwu of Kachin State Constituency No (12) about whether there is plan to transport foodstuffs and rice from Myitkyina to Putao with chartered flight (YX) at the cost of government, Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that Myanma Airways runs Myitkyina-Putao chartered flight at the request of Kachin State government and it is planned to operate chartered flights as priority in future.

Regarding the question of U Tin Shan of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (6) about if there is any plan to run hi-speed passenger vessel back and between Yangon and Myeik either by Ministry of Transport or certain organizations or private companies, the deputy minister replied that it is planned to operate such transport service in future for inland water transport. Permit would be given upon application an organization or a private company, but Inland Water Transport Department has no plan to operate hi-speed water transport between Yangon and Myeik.

Regarding the question of U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No (2) about charging extra amount in supplying electricity to household installed with electricity meter boxes in Thirty-six Village-tract of Yenangyoung Township, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe replied that the total difference in electricity usage and supply of the village-tract exceeds 40 per cent, but the department only allows only 10 per cent and thus the village-tract has to pay additional charges. Such additional charges would not be levied more upon replacement of sub-standard transformers in those villages.

Regarding the question of U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No (8) about if there is any plan to provide 500 KVA generator to Kalay and to extend the proposed national grid to Kalay from Kalewa, the Union Minister replied that electricity is being supplied to Kalewa two hours per day with new 500 KVA generator and thus there is still no plan to provide additional generator to the town. Construction of 66 KV Kalay-Kalewa power line and power station would be implemented in 2014-2015 fiscal year depending on budget allocation.

Next, Chairperson U Mya Nyein of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill committee read report of the committee on Bond Dealing and Exchange Bill.

Member of the committee U Soe Myint proposed to the Hluttaw to approve the bill, seconded by a MP. The Hluttaw approved the bill.

U Aung Chit Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency No (11), U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No (2) and U Tin Win of Magway Region Constituency No (8) discussed the proposal of U Nein Khin Paung of Chin State Constituency No (7) urging the Union government to enhance socio-economic status by encouraging sericulture by growing mulberry trees and producing cocoons.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than discussed that the ministry would supply adequate quantity of high yield disease-resistant silkworms, distribute quality mulberry trees, provide

technical assistance and give loans. Chin nationals can also enter the business either in cooperation with local businessmen and with assistance of foreign countries. The proposal is to be undertaken by state government as reform measures and thus should be put on record.

U Min Lun Aung of Mon State Constituency No (3), U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No (4), U Sai Thantzin of Shan State Constituency No (4) and U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No (1) discussed the proposal of U Tin Shein of Taninthayi Region Constituency urging the Union government to help region/state governments to be able to organize traditional cultural performing arts competitions in their own places as national races affairs ministers have been appointed.

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin replied that the leading committee for organizing Myanmar nationals' traditional cultural performing arts competitions met last month, agreeing to allow region/state governments organize competitions in respective regions and states.

Those selected from the competitions will be eligible for final competition in the capital. Indigenous cultural performing arts competitions will be also be held in regions and states apart from regular competitions. Prize winners from regions and states will be invited to the capital to take part in skills demonstration in the efforts for flourishing traditional cultures of different national races and exchange of cultures.

The majority voted in favour of the proposals.

Chairman of Public Complaint and Petition Committee U Aung Nyein proposed the Union government to make sure administrative personnel at different levels are adhere to laws and procedures to letter and to take legal actions against lawbreakers in the drive for bringing about clean government and good governance in establishing democratic nation.

The Hluttaw approved to discuss the proposal and called MPs to register if wishing to discuss the bill.

The session came to an end at 3 pm and the 33rd session continues at 10 am tomorrow. Five questions were answered, one bill approved, two proposals discussed and approved and one new proposal put forward at today's session.-MNA

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