

MP asks plan for assuring rights of exploited farmers

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Oct - As the conflicts between industrialists and farmers have come under the spotlight, parliamentarian U Thein Swe at Amyotha Hluttaw raised a question that if the government has plan to assure rights and ownership of farmland for exploited farmers who tenant on farms procured by companies, organizations and individuals hand in glove with local authorities. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that the region/ state governments would probe into the reported cases on the ground in line with promulgated laws, bylaws and procedures and settle before the law with justice.

He also replied the question about if there is plan for helping farmers who suffer loss from annual flooding of rice plants within Kyapahmwezaung Island in Pyapon Township that surveys have been conducted and permission and fund would be asked in 2013-2014 fiscal year and works would start upon receiving of the fund.

Regarding the question about measures for handling of landslide-led torrent in monsoon which damages farmlands in Pinhe Villagetract in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, he replied that Kachin State Settlement and Land Records Department, Irrigation Department and Agriculture Department have been asked to seek ways and coordination has been made with Kachin State government, and practical measures would be taken to address the problem.- NLM.

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