

## **Five questions on education matter answered, one bill approved, one proposal discussed**

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov - The eighth day session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw Fifth Regular Session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 186 representatives.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied questions on educational sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (3) said whether there is a plan to allow private sector to be able to hire some basic education schools in urban area in accord with rules and regulations, the deputy minister answered that permission would not be granted those who want to hire basic education school for opening of private schools.

Regarding the question on basic education schools and matriculation examinations raised by U Paw Htan Thai of Chin State Constituency No. 3, the deputy minister replied that arrangements had been made for appointment of graduate staff and local graduates who agreed to serve as teachers at schools in far-flung areas for five years in succession; that there is no plan to open more education colleges in districts as 21 education colleges had already been opened across the nation; that arrangements had been made for upgrading of basic education and opening of new basic education schools based on numbers of students and transformational situation and images of the schools and priority had been given to schools in fur-flung areas; that township education officers were assigned to take care of certificates of transferring one school to another after scrutinizing the certificates with the signatures of respective school heads; that school heads were informed of not collecting money for the certificates and punitive actions would be taken against those who fail to follow the directives; that there was no plan to change the current examination system which is better than the system of issuing a single exam paper for the whole country in terms of security; and that only teachers recommended by respective township education officers that they teach the subjects concerned for two years in succession were allowed to correct the matriculation answer papers.

Regarding the question raised by U Steven Tha Beik of Chin State Constituency No (4), the deputy minister answered that there was no plan to open an education college in Haka as trainees from Paletwa Township had already been granted to attend Kyaukpyu Education College and trainees from the remaining townships to attend Monywa Education College and Pakokku Education College.

The deputy minister responded to the question raised by U Aye of Mandalay Region Constituency No (7) that there was no plan to upgrade the post-primary school of Dan village and basic education middle school (branch) of Ku village in NyaungU Township into basic education middle school (branch) and basic education middle school.

Afterward s, he answered that there is no any plan to recognize the school as basic education high level because there are only 71 students in it, regarding the proposal on “Whether there is a plan to upgrade Basic Education High School (branch) in Dunban Village in Phakant Township to a basic education high school?, presented by U Mya Ohn from Kachin State Constituency No. 8. Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U San Tun briefed the amendments of the bill on emolument, allowance and privilege, sent by the committee.

Then, the Hluttaw Speaker sought to approve the bill amended by the Bill Committee.

U Soe Maung, Union Minister at the President Office, submitted the bill to be approved and agreed by U Myat Ko from Sagaing Region Constituency No. 12. The Hluttaw approved the bill in a consensus of all of the representatives.

Committee member U Maung Maung Aye submitted the report on progress of tasks carried out by the Amyotha Hluttaw National Planning Committee from January to October, 2012.

U Htay Maung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12, U Win Maung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 2, Daw Khin Wine Kyi from Yangon Region Constituency No. 1, U J Yaw Wu from Kachin State Constituency No. 12, U Min Oo from Bago Region Constituency No. 7, U Zone Hlae Htan from Chin State Constituency No. 2, U Phone Myint Aung from Yangon Region Constituency No. 3 and U Khin Maung Yi from Ayeyawady Constituency No. 6 partook in discussion about the proposal on “urging the government to make the system on giving the chance to those who failed in their exams with lack of getting marks in one subject to retry for the exam by sitting only for their failed subject in a short time, and to raise the pass marks to generate qualified students”, presented by U Nu from Yangon Region Constituency No. 10.

Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe answered that students who has got at least 40 marks in 100 marks of each subject are allowed to pass the exam and to study in next standard according to Myanmar education level in line with international education level. Therefore, at least 40 marks of each subject is the pass mark.

But at higher education level, students who has got only at least 50 marks in their each subject at pregraduated level, and those with at least 60 marks in their each subject at postgraduated level are to pass the exam and have a chance to attend their next level.

At basic education level, even though students don't have at least 40 marks in one subject or two of six subjects plus three subjects that they can want, they will pass the exam in favour of other subjects' results and moderation.

Besides, there will be many difficulties in making a question, distribution, holding exams, correcting answer papers and coming out results in school-opening time if pass marks are raised and unqualified students are given chance to retry to sit for their failed subjects. Reviewing the system being practised now, the ministry is driving a move to generate outstanding students.

To study deeply each subject and further studies in high school level, high school level subjects and duration will be put on intense priority.

But there is no any plan to practise a system giving favours to students with no qualifications to retry to sit for their respective exams.

The proposal was recorded by the Hluttaw. The meeting came to an end in the afternoon.

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