Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to issue orders regarding administration

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug - Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 35th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 412 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At today’s session, four questions were raised and answered, one report submitted and one proposal discussed.

U Khin Maung Thi of Loilim Constituency asked how commodity could be transported from Tachilek to Kengtung, from Kengtung to Taunggyi, from Taunggyi to Mandalay, and from Taunggyi to Yangon with documents approving the payment of custom duties.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan answered that, if the commodity imported with license for which tax is paid to Customs Department, the commodity could be transported to every corner of the country with license ID.

U Ko Ko Lwin of Mawlamyinegyun Constituency asked about crop prices. The deputy minister answered that the government does not fix the prices of crops and allows private entrepreneurs and merchants to buy crops freely as the country was shifted to market economy.

Calculation of the minimum crop price, if the government has to fix, depends on local production costs and reasonable profits for farmers.

The calculation has to be performed before the cultivation season of the crops.

The minimum prices of monsoon paddy and other agricultural corps could be fixed between 15 September and 7 October, but the period for calculation of price for summer paddy should be set separately.

The set prices are publicized repeatedly on newspapers, radio and television. All the farmers would be informed through merchants’ association, brokerages, brokers, rice millers and social organizations.

U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency asked about drafting of legislation inclusive of stakeholders and sufficient budget allotment. Deputy Attorney-General of the Union U Tun Tun Oo answered that the State budget was drafted as Union Budget and Region or State Budget as of 2011-2012 fiscal year. Budgets are allotted upon request of central organizations, ministries, departments and State-owned business entities. The respective departments or organizations will have to make a particular in yearly budget for legislation. The budget is available upon approval of the Union Budget Law by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Daw Nan Se Oua of Hpa-an Constituency asked whether there is plan to stop the profit-seeking company which damaged ecosystem of Mizan Village in Hpa-an Township.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint answered that a local entrepreneur is operating a gravel mining at the foot of Mizan Mountain in Kayin State. The operation is being suspended as the license expired and a bid was launched for another term. If the complaint is found to be valid, the license would not be issued.

Member of Bill Committee Daw Khin Htay Kywe submitted the committee’s report on Bill amending Traditional Medicines Council Law.

The representatives willing to discuss the bill are to submit their names by 1 September, mentioning para, subpara, description and facts precisely.

Eight Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted by Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhein
Constituency on 14 August urging the President and the Union government to submit bill/rule (draft) defining duties, authorities and rights of Region or State chief ministers and ministers under Section 264 (d) of the constitution.

Deputy Attorney-General of the Union U Tun Tun Oo discussed that respective laws have been prescribed for administration and management of each institution.

The Region or State Government Law has been prescribed for region or state level administration. The proposal should not be approved.

Daw Nan Wah Nu made explanation.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that the President as well as himself has to perform duties assigned in accordance with the constitution. The President has the power to issue administration orders and ordinance except financial matters under Section 212 (a) of the constitution. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also has the power to issue orders regarding the administration through approval. Both the lawmakers and the Union level organizations have the right to submit bills. If the discussions of the resource personnel and representatives are to be reviewed, the Region and State governments led by chief ministers would enjoy rights granted by the constitution and could well perform undertakings and bring about national unity only when the rights of the Union government and those of the region or state governments are divided clearly. The proposal was made, keeping in mind that the emergence of laws that could profit the country and citizens, and safeguard the rights of the national races is the duty of the Hluttaw.

With the agreement of the Hluttaw, the proposal was approved.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker read out the impeachment against the Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union approved by Amyotha Hluttaw with today’s date.

Under Sections 71 and 334 of the constitution, an investigation committee to take action against the constitutional tribunal chairman and members under the constitution was formed with Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and 14 members and duties of the committee were announced.

Today’s session concluded at 2.20 pm and the 36th day session continues tomorrow.-MNA

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