Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June — Self-reliant electrification projects had to be carried out in some villages with the consent of locals as spending state budget on electrification of over 63,000 villages in the entire country will reduce the spending for other important sectors, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Phone Zaw Han told the Friday session of the Pyithu Hluttaw. The council member was replying to a question raised by U Phyo Zeyar Thaw of Pobbathiri Constituency, who asked about the collection of K267.68 million from farmers to electrify 14 villages in Pobbathiri Township this fiscal year. The council member said village electricity supply committees estimated expenditures for power supply works before collecting the money from local farmers under supervision of district and township electrification committees. Authorities in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area coordinate with the Ministry of Electric Power to supply electricity to local people residing near the power grid, he added.

U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency asked whether there is a plan to build toilets at pagodas, religious edifices, sites of cultural heritage and public places. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay replied that toilets have been built at separate areas of famous religious edifices. However, some boards of trustees cannot afford to build toilets. Likewise, most buildings at cultural zones have not yet been equipped with public toilets. --MNA

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