Nay Pyi Taw, 2 April — The education amendment bill is found to encompass all the eleven points proposed by student protesters and expected to be approved on 7 or 8 April, an MP said after the Pyithu Hluttaw session on Thursday. U Saw Hla Tun, secretary of the Bill Committee, said that the Amyotha Hluttaw sent the bill to the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The bill contains 58 paragraphs with 105 changes, with the Pyithu Hluttaw having agreed with 57 points and amending 48 others. The bill will be resent to the Amyotha Hluttaw after being approved. The Bill Committee stated in its report that the government, the parliament, an education network and a student-led democratic education movement committee held talks on amending the education law based on an 11-point demand by students in February.

Students and the education network submitted the education amendment bill, which the parliament agreed to discuss, the report said. The Ministry of Education brought the bill before the Amyotha Hluttaw, which sent it to the Pyithu Hluttaw after hearings with interested groups, including political parties, educationists and legal experts. Another MP asked the Pyithu Hluttaw about the privatization of a hotel owned by a cooperative society.

U Than Tun, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives, responded that Bagan Hotel was operated by the cooperative society of NyaungU township, whose members, after a special meeting, decided to hand it over to a cooperative society called Htet Arkar Kyaw. According to existing laws, cooperative societies are registered non-government organizations, with the deputy minister saying that their members reserve the rights to manage their own affairs. --MNA

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