2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw resumes, to focus on financial issues

THE second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6th regular session resumed yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, with announcements on several issues to be discussed by the parliament.

“In the 6th regular session, the Hluttaw will focus on approving the additional budget bill for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. And concerning the matter of changing the financial year, which is a matter of national finance policy, sent by the President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the issue of getting loans from the Central Bank of Myanmar to fill the budget deficit of the Union Government’s deposit account for FY 2017-2018”, Mahn Win Khaing Thu, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, said.

“In accord with the changing political systems to develop a multi-party democratic system and a market economic system in the country for the emergence of peaceful, developed and modernised democratic nation, implementations are being made in legislative, administrative and judicial sectors. In doing so, all need to take part in their respective sectors. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the one comprised of people representatives, representing all the national populace. So, all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives must accept that they must keep their promises given to the people.”

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw added, “National solidarity, national reconciliation and acquisition of peace must be brought about. Being the national cause, people’s representatives must carry on the task with great momentum and by taking into deep consideration. In marching toward peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, Hluttaw affairs should be implemented in order of priority, in addition to legislation, the major responsibility of Hluttaw, in accord with designated prescriptions for broad-mindedness, industriousness and dutifulness to be put on record in history.”

In the meeting, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win clarified the Union Government’s plan for changing the current financial year, which starts on 1st April to the new financial calendar, which starts on 1st October, urging the parliament to approve the new period for the financial year starting in 2018. The new period of the budget year would help construction work to get eight consecutive months as the new period starts after the rainy season. Besides, the start of the financial year would not be hindered by holidays, he added.

He also clarified the weaknesses of the new period and preparations to be made to overcome the challenges posed by the change. With regard to Myanmar’s participation in signing in the BIMSTEC Convention on provision of mutual assistance concerning criminal cases sent by the President of the State, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, Maj-Gen Aung Soe said, “Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation — BIM- STEC is calling for to release BIMSTEC Convention with the approval of member countries to effectively cooperate provisions of legal assistance to each other in suppression of terrorism, drug trafficking human trafficking and money laundering from border crossing crimes threatening regional security after 2015. BIMSTEC’s provision of legal assistance to each other is free from any legal bondage over member countries, showing effective cooperation in the sphere of border crossing crimes suppression among member countries. Myanmar has promulgated rules and laws on providing assistance in criminal cases between member countries, implementing the process in order.”

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 6th Regular Session holds first meeting

AT the first meeting of the 6th regular session, 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw held at 10 am yesterday, the speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw said budgetary items and bills would be addressed.

“In the 6th regular session, the Hluttaw will decide and approve the additional budget allotments and revised budget estimates of the union-level organisations for the FY 2017-2018. There are 17 bills to be discussed in Pyithu Hluttaw, with 9 already replied motions and a total of 129 readily prepared, star-marked questions, including 85 star-marked questions to be tabled in the 6th session prepared. To-day, we must show our unity, as for the whole national populace. Looking into our background history, we have found out that disintegration of unity led to the destruction of the country in every way”, said U Win Myint, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

“Presently, we deeply urge all to bear the Union Spirit in mind by getting rid of doubts and distrust among the national populace and political parties. Had we encountered any difficulties and dangers everywhere in the country, we need to cooperate collectively with the Union Spirit, assuming that it is the affairs of the Union. Only if there is unity among us will we be able to defend our nation from the dangers of internal and external destructive elements, hand in hand with each other. Survival of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the second panel of legislature reached the sixth session of the 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw. Now, it is operating its routines as a more strengthened organisation. In making legislation, we must take care to see whether it complies with the constitution.

Prescriptions included in the approved amendment must be the ones which can protect and upgrade the socio-economic lives of the people. Questions to be put forward in Hluttaw and motions to be submitted must be carried out in accord with the existing rules and laws. Warmly greet the people’s representatives, calling for you to carry out the benefits of our State and our national people.”

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 6th regular session 1st day meeting

THE sixth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw held its first-day meeting yesterday morning at Amyotha Hluttaw’s meeting hall.

In his welcoming message Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than said Hluttaw representatives are believed to have met with the electorate during the one-and-a-half month’s time when the Hluttaw was adjourned and learnt of the people’s requirements and difficulties while conducting an on-site survey to develop the region. Hluttaw representatives are also urged to ask questions about the socio-economic, health, and educational sectors of their constituency, table motions and perform relevant committee-wise duties.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

Only when this is done can the voice of the people become the voice of the Hluttaw and the will of the people will become the will of the Hluttaw, in accordance to the motto of the Hluttaw and perform beneficial works for the people and the country.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker added that in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting, an additional union budget allocation bill for fiscal year 2017-2018 will be debated and hluuttaw representatives are advised to debate in the best interests of the people and the country the requests for funding by the union level departmental organisations, states and regions who are implementing the projects. In response to a question by U Win Myint of Magway Region constituency 8 on plans to ease the difficulties and delays for farmers who haven’t applied using the farmland ownership form (7), Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said notifications were published in daily newspapers, and broadcast on radio and television every six months to ease the application process and to inform directly to the central farmland management group to resolve any difficulties encountered.

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Myanmar signed the agreement providing assistance in criminal cases among ASEAN nations. It is necessary for Myanmar to take part as the leading role as the President of the State urged member countries in the 3rd BIMSTEC conference so that Myanmar can describe in the sectors of active participation in discussions and up-gradation of cooperation in regional countries more vividly BIMSTEC’s cooperation is an important part. Upon receipt of the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, it will be sent to the Office of General Secretary of BIMSTEC for Myanmar to take part in signing the agreement.

Following that, Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Thet announced that interested parliamentarians could enroll their names to discuss concerning the explanations.

U Htet Aung, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance clarified concerning Myanmar’s participation in signing the agreement on the amendment of ASEAN multi-investment contract. Then, Patron of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced to enroll names of interested persons to discuss the explanations, followed by clarification from U Soe Thein, Deputy Governor of Myanmar Central Bank, concerning FY 2015-2016 monetary policy implementation report and report of monetary system stability. After that, the Patron of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced to enroll names of interested persons to discuss concerning explanation. In addition, Patron of

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The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw announced that the official visits of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives from September to October to attend conferences and study trips to the People’s Republic of China, the Philippines, Russia, the Czech Republic, Indonesia, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Italy will be put on the record.

Dr. Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Health and Sports, replied to a question raised by U Myint Oo, of Magway constituency.

“The department of health is supplying medical equipment needed in hospitals. A piece of medical equipment for cleaning kidneys from the Central Medical Drugs Storehouse was supported to Magway General Hospital in June 2017, with another one to be sent in FY 2018-2019.

In 2017-2018, a total of Ks72 billion was spent for the purchase of various kinds of medical equipment.

Very soon, another one will be sent to Magway general hospital”, said Dr. Myint Htwe.

Dr. Myint Htwe also replied to a question raised by U Shwe Hla (a) U Shwe Hla Win, of Thingangyun constituency.

“1st Region and State Soccer Match was held at the-theen BAA ground (now known as Aung San Stadium) on October 6, 1952 with 3 teams playing in the competition. Starting in 1952, it has been successfully held, but during 2012-2015, it failed to be held for various reasons.

But since 2016, Region and State Soccer matches resumed at the Wunna Theiddi playground in Nay Pyi Taw. As to holding the matches in Yangon annually, it will be held in Yangon after negotiations with the Myanmar Football Federation as of 2019, provided that the budget allotment needed in FY 2018-2019 is granted.”

U Sai Oo Kham of Hsenwi constituency. PHOTO: MNA

U Shwe Hla (a) U Shwe Hla Win, of Thingangyun constituency. PHOTO: MNA

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Each notification was published for four straight days and the duration of the application process is also specifically defined to prevent delays, in accordance to farmland law.

Farmers were buying, selling, transferring and renting farmland without properly informing the relevant ward/village tract farm land management groups and were improperly registering farmlands under nicknames and locally known names instead of the names on national identification cards, resulting in improper land records. Township farmland management and land record departments are reviewing and re-assessing records issued Form 7 to correct discrepancies and duplications.

“When there are difficulties and delays in applying, issuing, correcting and amending Form 7, there are ways and means to contact and resolve the matter with relevant township farmland management groups and township farmland management and land record departments”, replied the Deputy Minister.

Next, U Kyaw Htway of Yangon Region constituency 8 raised a question on plans to set up a modern agriculture and livestock breeding research centre in Yangon Region western districts towns of Dala, Seikdhi Khannaungto, Twantay, Kaamu Kungyangon towns that will benefit farmers and livestock breeders. Responding to the question, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said technical support was provided on raising locally bred chickens, dairy cows, swine, ducks, goats and beekeeping for the livestock breeding sector to develop and produce healthy and nutritious livestock products.

In the fishery sector, the Fishery Department is establishing small-scale hatcheries and distributing a certain percentage of fish fingerlings for free while training was provided on fish breeding techniques and basic training on artificial insemination of fish. The vegetable and fruit research and development centre in Yemon, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, the Myanmar rice research center in Hmawbi Township and plant biology center in Pale, Mingaladon Township were established for agriculture sector development, said the Deputy Minister.

Setting up a modern agriculture and livestock breeding research centre would require a substantial financial investment and since the aforementioned research works and centres were being conducted for agriculture development, an additional research centre could not be established in Yangon Region’s southern district and western region areas at the present time, said the Deputy Minister.

However, the Yangon Region government is planning to set up agriculture service centres in Kawhu Township, Magytan Village, Leikhile Village, Lawadi Village and Kung-yangon Township, Kanyima Village in Yangon Region’s southern district, added the Deputy Minister. — Aung Ye Thwin