

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses sports infrastructure, healthcare

Hmwe Kyu Zin

THE 10th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw was held in the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Dr. Salai Rianville of Falam constituency raised a question on the plan to upgrade the Falam Centenary football field into a standard football field. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe said Falam Town had the Centenary and Hran Thio football fields. The Centenary football field was upgraded in the 2015-2016 fiscal year (FY) with Ks60 million, and a stadium is being built in the 2017-2018 FY with Ks27 million. To upgrade the Centenary football field into a standard football field, the ministry will require an estimated Ks250 million to build a 500-foot-long rock-lined retaining wall and Ks120 million

to build a 400-metre five-track racing strip around the football field, the total requirement being Ks370 million. Therefore, there is no plan to upgrade the football field further, replied the Union Minister.

Responding to a question by U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency on the plan to increase the number of doctors of psychology in district-level hospitals in Myanmar, Dr. Myint Htwe said that of the 74 districts in the country, some 34 townships have more than 200-bed hospitals that had in its setup a specialist doctor of psychology, while 24 townships had appointed a doctor of psychology. Under the department of health, there are 51 hospitals, of which, 39 had appointed a doctor of psychology, which is 76.5 per cent of the hospitals.

The remaining 40 districts only have 100, 50 or 25 beds and did not have a doctor of psychol-

ogy in their organisation's setup. Doctors of psychology were not appointed full-time even in hospitals where the organisation's setup included such a position, and thus, it would not be possible to appoint doctors of psychology in all district-level hospitals, replied the Union Minister.

Questions raised by U Sai Maung Pwint of Tangyan constituency, U Myo Nyunt of Homalin constituency, U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency and Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung constituency were also answered by Dr. Myint Htwe.

Next, a motion urging the government to improve the rural community health standards and healthcare coverage to include all nationals by forming regional doctors and township health personnel into a mobile medical team and conducting field visits to villages was tabled by Dr U Aung Khin of Pyin Oo



Pyithu Hluttaw speaker U Win Myint. PHOTO: MNA

Lwin constituency. The motion was supported by U Hla Tun Aung of Mahlaing constituency.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint then requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the motion to enrol their names.

With regards to the bill to repeal the municipal law, returned without amendment by the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Py-

ithu Hluttaw speaker said both the Hluttaws had agreed on the bill, and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was notified to confirm it. The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced that the matter would be followed up according to the Pyithu Hluttaw's rules.

The 11th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw is scheduled for 2 February. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses construction of bridges

Aye Aye Thant (Myanmar News Agency)

THE Minthan-Maunglaw Bridge connecting Taninthayi, Myeik and Kyunsu townships is on a road classified as Class (A) priority level (1) and will be given priority to be implemented before the 2020-2021 fiscal year (FY), explained Ministry of Construction Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin.

He was responding to a question raised by U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi constituency (7) on the plan to build the Minthan-Maunglaw Bridge connecting Taninthayi, Myeik and Kyunsu townships during the 10th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

The deputy minister added that the road on which Minthan-Maunglaw Bridge will be built is managed by the Rural Road Development Department, and the 1,800-foot-long bridge will be built to connect Minthan Village in Myeik Township with Maunglaw Village in Kyunsu Township. The Taungpale-Shan-taung-Minthan road in Myeik Township is on the Myeik-Taninthayi-Kawthoung union road said the Union Minister.



Amyotha Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

On the Kyunsu Township side, it will connect to Yataung-Minkote-Pyinwin-Gyotaung-Waytkayin-Wayitmyanmar-Lethit west road and Maunglaw-Zaykami-Nyaungbi-Anyin-Peya road via Maunglaw Village and will benefit some 30,000 people, noted the Deputy Minister. Next, Ministry of Construction Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied to a question raised by U Soe Thain of Kayah State constituency (9) on the plan to build a Ponnagyun-Pauktaw river-crossing bridge for the development of northern Rakhine State, stating that the Kissapa Nadi (Kaladan) Bridge is not like the river-crossing bridges on Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittaung rivers, as it is

near a river mouth where there is high tide, and double-decker vessels from inland water transport pass through the Sittway-Ponnagyun-MraukU-Kyauktaw route daily. The height of the bridge needs to be above 100 metres, but the machinery being used in the construction of bridges in Myanmar are incapable of constructing such a bridge, so, the country will require higher-capability machinery. Therefore, it will be costlier, and there will be limited funds to construct it, he said.

The main entry roads to Rakhine State, Minbu-An-Sittway road and Ngathaingchaung-Gwa road are being upgraded as a priority in the current five-year project period, and foreign aid will be pursued to construct the Kissapa

Nadi (Kaladan) Bridge, while the bridge will be constructed as soon as foreign funds are available for it, replied the Deputy Minister.

Responding to a question posed by U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency (5) on the action taken against persons responsible for the collapse of the approach road to the newly built Yaypuyochaung Bridge in Minbu Township after the work done and quality control group had reviewed and accepted the work, U Kyaw Lin said the repair work was being conducted by his ministry, and instructions had been sent to take necessary action against the company and persons responsible for constructing the Yaypuyochaung Bridge.

Questions raised by Dr. U

Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency (6), Dr. Khun Win Thaug of Kachin State constituency (11) and Daw Than Than Aye of Magway Region constituency (7) were also fielded by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin.

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than informed the Hluttaw about the bill on the registration of deeds being approved and returned with amendments by the Pyithu Hluttaw. He requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enrol their names. U Min Oo of Bago constituency (6) then tabled a motion of condolences for the demise of Daw Shila Nan Taung @ M Nan Taung of Kachin State constituency (2), which was agreed on by the Hluttaw, and Hluttaw Speaker Mah Win Khaing Than announced the approval of the motion.

The Hluttaw also agreed on providing social assistance with a daily allowance by the Hluttaw whenever a Hluttaw representative passes away, and the Hluttaw speaker announced the approval of the Hluttaw on this matter.

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