

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses health sector

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THE seventh regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw held its 13th-day meeting yesterday morning, where six questions were asked and answered, a motion discussed, a decision made and a bill tabled.

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe answered questions on the health sector put forth by six Hluttaw representatives.

U Nay Soe Aung of Wuntho constituency asked whether there was a plan to construct a standard rural health centre and a staff house in Wuntho Township, Kyinekhwin Village. The Union Minister replied that Ks126 million had been allocated in the 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY) to construct the rural health centre.

U Aung Soe of Yinmabin constituency also asked whether a cottage hospital will be built in Yinmabin Township, Nyaungkine Village, to which the Union Minister answered that priority would be given to construct the cottage hospital in the 2018-2019 FY.

Replying to a question posed by Dr. U Soe Moe Thu of Myaungmya constituency on the plan to open a Maha Thiri Thudamma Daw Khin Kyi Nursing and Midwife Training School in Myaungmya to honour Maha Thiri Thudamma Daw Khin Kyi, who was from Myaungmya, the Union Minister said as soon as land was made available for it, a budget will be allocated in the 2018-2019 FY. If the training school is completed in the 2018-



Pyithu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

2019 FY, the school will start in 2020 with at least 50 to 100 trainees, he said.

On the plan to open a cottage hospital in Taungup Township, Kintaung model village, which was broached by Daw Ni Ni May Myint of Taungup constituency, the Union Minister responded that Kingtaung Village was 10.5 miles away from Taungup Township, 21 miles away from Lamu cottage hospital and 7.5 miles from Ywama cottage hospital. Based on these and other facts, there is no plan to open a cottage hospital in Kintaung model village. It will be considered at a later stage, said the Union Minister.

However, on the plan to open a rural health centre in Khaunglanphu Township, Shilandan village tract, raised by U Ar Moe Si of Khaunglanphu constituency, the Union Minister replied that the (Kachin) State department

head had recommended opening a rural health centre in Shilandan village tract, as it was an inaccessible, remote place. Therefore, the planning and formation assessment division and the Ministry of Planning and Finance are requested to comment on this matter in the 2018-2019 FY, and the matter will be submitted to the government on priority, said the Union Minister.

In reply to a question by U Oo Tun Win of Kyauktaw constituency on the appointment and promotion of health personnel in the Public Health Department, the Union Minister said promotions were covered by public service regulations that did not allow a jump in promotions, and they will be granted step-by-step. According to the organisational setup, qualified personnel will be appointed accordingly and health assistants, with six years of experience, can become Township

Health Assistants, said the Union Minister.

A motion tabled by Dr. Aung Khin of Pyin Oo Lwin constituency, urging the government to form a mobile medical team with the township health personnel and a doctor, and conduct field visits on a rotational basis to raise the rural and community health levels, was then discussed by the Hluttaw representatives.

Although most of the Hluttaw representatives were in support of the motion in principle, some raised concerns about overburdening the townships where health personnel were not operating at full strength, while some were concerned about the township health personnel being unable to fulfil their main responsibility due to the rotational assignment to the mobile medical team.

The motion was discussed by Dr. Daw May Win Myint of

Mayangon constituency, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Hpapon constituency, Dr U Tun Lin Maw of Kyangin constituency, Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative Maj. Win Min Tun, U Yan Lin of Kyaiklat constituency, U Nan Mon Htin of Machanbaw constituency, U Saw Victor Clyde of Thandaunggyi constituency, Dr. U Myint Thein of Nyaunglebin constituency, Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative Captain Daw Tin Mar Swe, U Ar Moe Si of Khaunglanphu constituency, Dr. U Win Aung of KhinU constituency, Dr. U Sein Mya Aye of Dala constituency and Dr. U San Shwe Win of Yekyi constituency.

In his discussion on the motion, Dr. Myint Htwe said some 1.8 million field visits were made during the one-year period in 2017. A total of some 10 million new and old patients were attended to during field visits. Some were treated during the field visits, while some were referred to hospitals and clinics. In 2017, 340,350 patients were referred to hospitals and clinics. In addition to these field visits, a group consisting of specialist doctors conducted 136 field visits. These field visits are routine works conducted by the ministry, the Union Minister explained, asking to put the motion on record. The Hluttaw agreed to put the motion on record.

Next, the Health and Sports Development Committee tabled a Myanmar dental and oral medical council bill. A report by the bill committee was read, and Hluttaw representatives were asked to enrol their names to discuss the bill. ■

Natural resources discussed at Amyotha Hluttaw

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THE preservation of the country's natural resources was one of the issues brought up by several lawmakers at yesterday's Amyotha Hluttaw meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 7th session 13th day meeting, a motion by U Pe Chit of Yangon Region constituency (9) urging the government to prevent the destruction and loss of natural resources in

Myanmar as a national duty was discussed by Naw Chris Tun @ Dr. Arr Kar Moe of Kayin State constituency (7), Daw Htu May of Rakhine State constituency (11), U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay Region constituency (2), Daw May Than Nwe of Ayeyawady Region constituency 11, U Sa Khin Zaw Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency 2 and U Shayrel Shu Maung of Kayah State constituency 2. Discussion on the motion will be continued today.

Also discussed yesterday

was a question on a judiciary matter raised by U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency (5). The query was answered by Union Supreme Court Judge U Myint Aung. Questions on the education sector raised by U Wai Sein Aung of Rakhine State constituency 1 and U Sai San Aung of Shan State constituency 12 were answered by Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun.

The 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 7th session 14th day meeting will be held today. ■



Union Supreme Court Judge U Myint Aung. PHOTO: MNA



Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun. PHOTO: MNA