

Pyithu Hluttaw

Fifth-day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 9th regular session held

AT the fifth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session held yesterday at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting on record and keeping the matter under observation a motion by U Sein Win of Maubin constituency urging the government to prevent the export of draught cattle and buffaloes before agricultural machineries can be fully utilised and to correctly support and resolve the matter.

Asterisk-marked questions raised at the meeting were answered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, while decision of the Hluttaw was obtained on Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill.

Asterisk-marked questions

U Khun Maung Thaug of Pinlaung constituency posed the first asterisk-marked question and asked if there is a plan to build a new ward for patients in Tigyt station hospital. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe replied that there were on an average 29 in-patient and 59 out-patients per day in Pinlaung Township



Dr. Myint Htwe. PHOTO: MNA

during 2017 with the hospital having 16 beds. A total of 2,217 in-patients and over 14,300 out-patients were treated in the hospital in 2017. The estimated cost of constructing a new ward for patients is about Ks 187 million and in the forthcoming October budget year, Ks100 million will be requested. If approved, it will be granted and the remaining Ks 87 million will be provided in fiscal year 2019-2020, said the Union Minister.

Replying to a question raised by U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency on plan to open a sub-rural health centre in Loilem Township, Tant Al village



U Khin Maung Thi. PHOTO: MNA

tract, Konkyang Village, Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe said that since the sub-rural health centre could cover a population of about 3,000 in 12 villages with 436 houses it will be opened in fiscal year 2019-2020, according to procedure.

Similarly, questions raised by U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Kyaw Swe Win of Kawhmu constituency, Daw Nan Moe of Mongton constituency and U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency were answered by Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe.

Hluttaw's decision on Myanmar dental, oral**medical council bill**

Next, a bill committee member submitted to the Hluttaw the Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments for the Hluttaw's decision. The bill committee member tabled a motion to the Hluttaw for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to discuss and decide on this bill as the two Hluttaws disagreed on it. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the agreement of the Hluttaw and to proceed with it after taking the decision of the Hluttaw.

Discussion and decision on motion to prevent export of draught cattle and buffaloes

Afterwards, a motion tabled by U Sein Win of Maubin constituency urging the government to prevent the export of draught cattle and buffaloes before agricultural machineries can be fully utilised and to correctly support and resolve the matter was discussed by U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, Tatmadaw representative Maj Zwe Nay Zaw, Dr. Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency, Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun con-

stituency, U Zarni Min of Shwegu constituency, U Toe Thaug of Mongmit constituency, U Tha Aung of Myothit constituency, U Win Win of Minbu constituency, U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, U Myint Wei of Gwa constituency, U Thant Zin Tun of Dekhinathiri constituency, Dr. U Min Thein of YeU constituency, Dr. Daw Pyone of Indaw constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency and U Kyaw Myint of Taikkyi constituency.

Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo also discussed and explained in detail about the motion and to put the motion on record only and not to approve it. Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu also explained to put the motion on record.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then announced to put the motion on record, keep it under observation, after Hluttaw voted 23 for, 206 against the motion with 109 abstaining.

The sixth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be held on 6 August, it is learnt.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Fifth-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 9th regular session held

The Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session held its fifth-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where asterisk-marked questions were answered, a bill discussed and a report read.

Construction of two Bailey bridges in Lahe Township

Replying to a question by U Min Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 12 on plan to construct two Bailey bridges on India border road across Wah creek and Yam Kyone creek in Sagaing Region, Naga Self-Administered Zone, Lahe Township, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut said the two bridges are included in a list of works to be conducted with the fourth assistance from India.

Upgrade of Kalay airport building and compound

Next, U Zon Hle Htan of Chin State constituency 4 posed a question on plan to upgrade



U Min Naing. PHOTO: MNA

Kalay airport building and compound. Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo said only Ks 11 million was used to maintain Kalay airport passenger building during the 11 year period of fiscal year 2007-2008 to fiscal year 2017-2018 as the ministry was upgrading works in other airports and giving priority to works on passenger safety in Kalay airport.

However, in addition to in-



U Zon Hle Htan. PHOTO: MNA

stalling an air conditioner in the departure lounge of the airport as soon as possible, Ks 400 million in fiscal year 2019-2020 and Ks 300 million in fiscal year 2020-2021 are earmarked to expand the present airport building from 120 ft. x 60 ft. to 120 ft. x 100 ft. and to conduct maintenance work on it. Depending upon the receipt of fund, the work will be conducted, replied the Deputy Minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Ze Khaung of Kachin State

constituency 3, Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State constituency 8 and U Htein Win of the Ayeyawady Region constituency 4 were answered by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Than Htut and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo.

Discussion on Traditional Medicine Council Bill

Afterwards, Hluttaw representatives discussed the Traditional Medicine Council Bill. In his discussion, Dr. Than Win of Mandalay Constituency 1 said, starting from 1962, traditional medicine practitioners were systematically trained and there are now more than 7,500 traditional medicine practitioners. As such, it is not appropriate to register traditional medicine practitioners who don't have any diploma when Traditional Medicine University is producing qualified traditional medicine practitioners with diplomas. It is contrary to international practices and could reduce the trust and faith in tra-

ditional medicine. Therefore, clause 15 (f) and 31 (c) should be deleted said Dr. Than Win.

U Soe Thein @ U Maung Soe of the Taninthayi Region constituency 10 also discussed the bill.

Report on Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Bill read

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Daw Ohn Kyi read and explained the committee's report on Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Bill approved and sent with amendment by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then announced that Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enroll their names.

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