

Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 10th regular session holds fourth meeting

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE Second Pyithu Hluttaw's tenth regular session held its fourth meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday. Asterisk-marked questions were answered, a motion was tabled, and a bill was approved at the meeting.

Asterisk-marked questions

U Aung Soe Min of Ywangan constituency asked whether the government plans to set up a Myinkyado station hospital in Ywangan Township, Union Minister for Health and Sports, Dr. Myint Htwe, replied there was a hospital and two station hospitals in Shan State (South) Ywangan Town with a population of over 80,000, while there were four sub-rural health centres under the Myinkyado Rural Health Centre.

"As it is better if there is another station hospital to handle patients that the present hospital cannot handle, and the place itself should have a station hospital, the

head of the State Public Health Department will be sent to study aspects such as road connectivity and possible sites for the station hospital. If it is budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the necessary procedures will be followed to start work on the hospital," said the Union Minister.

U Sai Kyaw Moe of Mongpan constituency asked about the government's plans to upgrade a township sports field in Mongpan Town, to include a grand stand, a score board, and a four hundred meter track around it.

The Union Minister replied that money for the works will be allocated under Shan State's permitted funds in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Once permission is granted, the upgradation work will begin, he said. Daw Khin Than Nu of Mindon constituency asked the government if it plans to assign additional medical personnel to Mindon Township People's Hospital to stand in for medical personnel who were attending a training. Union Minis-

ter Dr. Myint Htwe said the hospital sees 20 in-patients and about 9 out-patients on average per day, so it is adequately staffed despite the absence of staff attending a training. As the hospital is located in a difficult-to-travel area, the situation will be reviewed and discussions will be conducted with the head of the Region Public Health Department, he said. Based on the outcome, necessary action will be taken, he added.

U Aung Theik of Seikpyu constituency, U Shwe Hla @ U Shwe Hla Win of Thingangyun constituency, Dr. Daw Pyone of Indaw constituency, and U Myint Oo of Thanatpin constituency also raised questions during the session. They were also answered by Dr. Myint Htwe.

Motion to improve the lives of ethnic nationals in remote, far-off, and backward places

Afterwards, U Ar Moe Si of Khaunglanphu constituency tabled a motion urging the Union Government to draw up a plan



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe.

to improve the lives of ethnic nationals living in remote, far-off, and backward places, where development is lagging. He also explained his reason for tabling the motion.

After obtaining its decision, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the Hluttaw's agreement to accept and discuss the motion. He asked representatives who want to discuss the motion to register their names.

Approval of Traditional Medicine Council Bill and tabling of a motion on the bill

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Later, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Bill, sent with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

Bill Committee member U Wei Hlaing Tun said the bill was approved with 43 amendments by the Bill Committee, while amendments made by the Amyotha Hluttaw were not approved. As this may lead to a disagreement between the two Hluttaws, he submitted a motion for the bill to be sent to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for discussion.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then announced that the disagreements on the Bill will be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for discussion and decision.

The fifth meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's tenth regular session will be held on 20 November. ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw's 10th regular session holds fourth meeting

By Aung Ye Thwin

UNION Ministers answered asterisk-marked questions raised by representatives and the Gambling Bill 2018 was discussed at the Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

During the session, Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State Constituency and Parme 8 asked the government about its plans to provide electricity to the See Kya Inn, Myayni (South) villages in Pindaya Township, Danu Self-Administered Zone, Shan State.

Replying to her question, the Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy, Dr. Tun Naing, said that 66 / 11 kV of Pindaya will be distributed to three villages, including Seekyainn, Myayni (South), and Parmei villages. He said the NEP has been formulated to provide power supply in the first phrase. "A transformer will be built for Htut Ni village, and a 11 kV distribution power line (3.8 miles) and a 11/0.4 KVA transformer will be built for Seekya Inn Village. To provide power to Myayni (South) Village, a transformer will be built using 11 KV power line (0.5 miles), 11 / 0.4KV-100 KVA transformer through the Seekya Inn village. For Parmei village, a 11 KV power line (1.2 miles) and a 11 / 0.4 KV, 100 KVA transformer will be built to get power supply through Myayni



Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing.

(South) Village. Arrangements are currently being made to implement these schemes with KfW loans from Germany," he said.

No plan to build wind measurement towers in Chin State

U Bawi Khing of Chin State's Constituency 3 asked if the government planned to construct windmills in Chin State. Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy, Dr. Tun Naing, said eight Wind Measurement Towers had been set up in Lort Lan of Chin State, in Yebawgyi of Rakhine State, in Chaungtha of Ayeyawady Region and in Taungtat and Wathinka of Yangon Region by the China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC). To study wind speed and pressure, the Asia Eco-energy Development and Primus



Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr. Ye Myint Swe.

Advanced Technologies Ltd. set up six Wind Measurement Towers in An Township of Rakhine State, besides Thandwe and Gwa townships, the deputy minister said.

"Based on their findings in Lord Lan of Chin State, it was held that the project is situated too far to be connected with the Transmission line, besides it poses transportation barriers. That's why there is no plan to build Wind Measurement Towers at the moment," he said.

Entrance fee to Nat Ma Taung National Park

Daw Khin Swe Lwin of Chin State Constituency 9 asked if the government plans to change the name of Nat Ma Taung National Park to Khaw Nu M' Cong National Park and whether it plans to

collect an entrance fee from visitors. Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Dr. Ye Myint Swe, said the ministry will seek suggestions from the Union Government in the matter.

In a move to help conserve the garden, an entrance fee of Ks10,000, or US\$10, per tourist was decided upon during a meeting of the Chin State government (27/2014), and the Chin State government will supervise this task, the deputy minister said.

Later, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing answered questions raised by U Zung Hlei Thang of Chin State Constituency 4, U Myint Naing of Rakhine State Constituency 5, and U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region Constituency 5.

Afterwards, Hluttaw representatives discussed the Gambling Bill 2018. U Kyaw Ni Naing of Shan State Constituency 11, Dr. Pyae Phyoe of Ayeyawady Region Constituency 7, U Than Soe alias Than Soe (Eco) of Yangon Region Constituency 4 and U Soe Thein alias U Maung Soe of Thaninthayi Region Constituency 10 participated in the discussion.

Action to be taken against poachers

Daw Thiri Yadana of Mon

State Constituency 12 tabled a motion, urging the Government to take action against poachers.

"According to data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, it is estimated that around 116 elephants were killed for their ivory from 2010 through 2016. Of these, around 30 elephants were killed in 2017 alone. At this alarming rate, between 1,400 and 2,000 elephants are thought to be surviving in Myanmar's forests. Moreover, at least one elephant is killed every week," she said. "The extent of the killings is so great that experts have predicted the elephant population may be wiped out by 2030-2035. Although offences under Section 37 of the Protection of Wildlife Act are punishable with imprisonment of up to 7 years in Myanmar, it is found that hunting and trafficking of wildlife still continues, despite attempts to curb them. All are duty bound to take part and cooperate in tackling this problem," she added.

U Sa Khin Zaw Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency 2 supported the motion. Then Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that Hluttaw accepted the motion for discussion. ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)