

**First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fifth day.
15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee
formed.**

Committee shall present an interim report if Amyotha Hluttaw fails to present

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March-The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued as the fifth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint declared the session valid as all or 100 % of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present and announced the start of the session.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rule (33) and (67), Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; and that a list of nominations for members, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Law (27) and Rule (34), the number of committee members, and their duties, powers, rights and terms shall be designated by the hluttaw; that so the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee is scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that one year after the members' assumption of duties, reviews will be carried out, old members will be replaced with new ones as necessary; and that the deputy speaker will make clarification to the committee's duties, powers and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Amyotha Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the committee for government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings.

Duties of the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee are as follows:-

- (1) The committee shall vet guarantees, pledges and undertakings in connection with bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government, and answers for queries at Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) The committee shall check whether or not guarantees, pledges and undertakings presented occasionally at Amyotha Hluttaw are implemented, and shall present the following matters to Amyotha Hluttaw.
 - (a) to what extent the Union Government has implemented its guarantees, pledges and undertakings,
 - (b) if the Union Government has implemented its guarantees, pledges and undertakings, the committee shall check whether or not they are implemented within the fixed period and on schedule,
- (3) Regarding the above-mentioned matters, the committee has the right to make an inspection tour of a region to check whether or not the tasks are carried out correctly and effectively.
- (4) In general, in scrutinizing the government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings, the committee:
 - (a) does not need to ascertain support regarding tabling motions and submitting suggestions.

(b) Committee members have the right to hold discussions more than one time in a matter.

(c) the committee may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

(5) What a committee member says or does and discussions at a committee meeting shall not be leaked out. All the discussions held in committee meetings shall be recorded and approved by the committee. Meeting minutes shall not be handed out. A copy of the report to Amyotha Hluttaw shall be dispatched to Hluttaw Office in order that the case can be kept in the case file together with meeting minutes.

Powers of the committee are:-

(1) Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Amyotha Hluttaw Rule (70).

(2) The committee:

(a) shall present an interim report if Amyotha Hluttaw fails to present a final report on the scheduled day.

(b) The secretary, if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present the report to Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) In the process, committee members shall put their signatures on the report to show their approval. If there is an exception or difference, they may attach exceptions and differences to the report under their signatures.

(d) After presenting the report to Amyotha Hluttaw, the committee chairman or the committee secretary if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present a report for the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker to assess the report on the scheduled day. After the report has been approved, the committee may take advices from Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

However, the committee shall not make any amendments to the report.

(e) After the report has been discussed, the committee chairman or the committee secretary if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present the proposal to Amyotha Hluttaw for approval of the report.

(3) Committee members:

(a) have the freedom of speech and the right to vote subject to the provisions of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Amyotha Hluttaw Laws.

(b) have the rights to be members of in maximum two hluttaw committees of Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) have the right to submit resignation letters to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker with sound reasons.
Privileges and rights of a committee member

(1) Committee members, being Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, have the rights to enjoy relevant privileges described in law on allowance and expense as well as privileges granted by the Union

Government while they are at the committee head office or on a duty trip to carry out functions of the committee.

(2) Committee members-

(a) shall not be taken action against the members under other laws except under Amyotha Hluttaw Law regarding discussion held at committee meetings,

(b) shall not be arrested while the committee is in session without the prior approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the organization concerned,

(c) shall, if he is arrested for an offence, have the right to attend committee meetings with the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, until a verdict is delivered against him.

Afterwards, names of the designated persons to be constituted in Committee for Scrutinizing Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings were announced and the session was adjourned for discussion with Amyotha Hluttaw representatives who are joining the committee.

When the session was resumed, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Hluttaw to Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules 33 and 67.

The committee will be formed with the following 15 members:-

(1) U Gam Sai Kachin State Constituency (2)

(2) U Za Khun Ting Ring Kachin State Constituency (4)

(3) U Hla Maung Kayah State Constituency (11)

(4) U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing Kayin State

(a) Sha Bu Phao Constituency (1)

(5) Dr Banya Aung Mon State Moe Constituency (7)

(6) U Kan Nyunt Sagaing Region Constituency (5)

(7) U Than Swe Taninthayi Region Constituency (2)

(8) Dr Soe Tun Mandalay Region Constituency (1)

(9) U Hmat Gyi Mandalay Region Constituency (9)

(10) U Win Naung Yangon Region Constituency (5)

(11) U Nyan Lin Ayeyawady Region Constituency (3)

(12) Dr Htay Win Ayeyawady Region Constituency (5)

(13) Dr Aye Maung Rakhine State Constituency (1)

(14) U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than Shan State Constituency (2)

(15) U Tun Kyaw Shan State (a) U Ai Kyaw Constituency (10) Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1) will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency (5) as the secretary.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for numbers and names of the committee members, and the chairman and secretary, duties, powers and rights of the committee from Amyotha Hluttaw and then announced the approval.

Afterwards, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the fifth-day first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw ended and the sixth-day regular session would be held at 10 am on 9 March.

The session came to an end at 11.10 am

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