

Visit of tourists has been allowed to Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March- At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency- 3 said that the tourists are allowed to visit all 14 regions and states except Chin State in the nation. In Chin State, the tourists are allowed to visit Kanpetlet only.

However, he requested to allow the tourists not only to Kanpetlet but also to Haka and other regions of Chin State on their visits. As Chin State has less development with least income, the visits of tourists will help increase income. He raised a question whether the plan will be set to allow tourists to visit Chin State or not.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing responded that tourists visit Chin State similar to other Regions and States. The tourists wishing to visit Myanmar took tourist visas from Myanmar embassies and consul general from their countries. At present, they are allowed to make trips in Myanmar with 28-day tourist visa.

On their arrival at Myanmar, tourists can freely tour Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Inlay and beaches. For some regions and states with difficulties for far distance, limitation of duration, accommodation and meals, restriction of security, permissions are issued under scrutiny of respective committees and superior departments.

The organizer travel agencies give services of package tours under the permissions with tour guides. Regarding the visits to Chin State, tourists are allowed with the permissions of respective committees. According to the ordinance issued on 10 April 1996 by the ministry concerned, the visit of tourists to Chin State was restricted.

After opening Natma Hill National Park in 1997, tourists were allowed to make visits to that area in 2002. Under the permissions of the ministry concerned, the tourists were allowed to visit Kanpetlet, Natma Hill and Mindat of Chin State in 2007 and then Ayeywa Camp, Ramsi Camp, 8th- Mile Camp, Mount Kennedy, Falam and Haka.

At present, the tourists make trips to there.

A total of 80 tourists visited Chin State in 2008, 151 in 2009, and 280 in 2010. The number of tourists is increasing in Chin State in 2011. In January 2011, a total of 112 tourists visited Chin State. As such, it is estimated that the number of tourists to Chin will increase this year.

The minister said that visit of tourists has been allowed to Chin State.

The number of tourists who visited Chin State is increasing year by year. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will provide assistance for improvement of tourism industry.

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