

**First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for tenth day.
Raising and replying to queries, holding discussions on proposals
and withdrawal of some proposals carried out**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March - The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the tenth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The Speaker announced that the tenth-day session was valid as the attendance of 222 made up 99.55 per cent of 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Of the questions submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, members of the respective Union level organizations Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office responded to the permitted ones about “whether or not there is any plan to be implemented for upgrading of motorways linking Rakhine State and mainland for better transport” raised by U Maung Tha Khin of Rakhine State Constituency No-8 and “whether or not there is a plan to build border trade routes linking with India and Bangladesh in order to transport products of Chin State to all corners” and “whether or not there is a plan to build Union Highways linking with all towns in Chin State” raised by U Zon Hlyal Htan of Chin State Constituency No-2 and “whether or not Chin State includes in the 24- Special Regions” raised by U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency No-3.

Next, members of the respective Union level organizations Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun clarified and U Sai Win Maung of Shan State Constituency No-5 held discussions on the permitted proposal “to raise pensions of retired persons of the armed forces and government department, who did not catch up to current pay scales according to their ranks when they retired” submitted by U Zhun Khan of Chin State Constituency No-1. Then the approval of Amyotha Hluttaw was sought.

Regarding the proposals “to distribute enough basic commodities to servicemen and government personnel who are serving the interest of the nation and their families at reasonable prices” submitted by U Zhun Khan of Chin State Constituency No-1 and “to grant freedom of press on education, economic and social affairs of tribes in their languages except publications that could oppose the government” raised by U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency No-9, they withdrew their proposals to Hluttaw.

The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced the end of the first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw for tenth day and the eleventh- day session will be held at 10 am on 16 March (Wednesday).

The session came to end at noon.

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