

Construction Minister replies to question of Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Zon Hlyal Htan of Chin State Constituency-2

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March - Amyotha Hluttaw representative of Chin State Constituency-2 U Zon Hlyal Htan stated that the Union Highways mean roads and bridges implemented by the Union government; and questioned whether “Kyeekha-Tongzan- Tiddim-Falam-Haka- Thangtalan Union Highway, Haka-Matupi- Paletwa Union Highway and Pakokku-Mindat- Kanpetlet Union Highway which will connect all the towns in Chin State will be constructed or not”.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained Kyeekha-Tongzan- Tiddim-Falam-Haka- Thangtalan road in Chin State has three sections- 157 miles and three furlongs long Kyeekha- Tongzan- Tiddim-Falam road section, 43 miles and three furlongs long Falam-Haka road section and 21 miles and four furlongs long Haka- Thangtalan road section.

Kyeekha-Tongzan- Tiddim-Falam road section has the length of 157 miles and three furlongs with 58 miles and seven furlongs long tarred road, 55 miles and six furlongs long gravel road and 42 miles and six furlongs long earth road.

Falam-Haka road section is 43 miles and three furlongs long with 34 miles and one furlong long tarred road and nine miles and two furlongs long gravel road. Haka- Thangtalan road section is 21 miles and four furlongs long with three miles and four furlongs long tarred road and 18 miles long gravel road. These road sections were upgraded step by step from earth road to hard road, hard road to gravel road, gravel road to tarred road by defining three classes of road. Up to date, a total length of tarred road reached 96 miles and four furlongs.

The Ministry of Construction will continue to upgrade other road sections yearly depending on its fund. The upgrading of all Union highways to tarred road when the ASEAN community will be established in 2020 is the main project of the Ministry of Construction.

Upgraded in previous 20 years, the development of roads in Chin State could be seen. Public Works upgraded 21361 miles and two furlongs of road out of above 10000 miles into tarred road. Fifty per cent of roads have been tarmacked and other roads are being upgraded in particular priority. Asia Highway and ASEAN Highways are first priority; Inter-Region/State Union Highways, second priority; Inter-District roads, third priority; and Inter-Township roads, fourth priority. The Union Highway means roads which connect Regions and States.

Haka-Matupi-Paletwa road has two sections - 172 miles and six furlongs long Haka- Matupi road section and 135 miles and three furlongs long Matupi- Palewa road section.

Haka-Matupi road section has two miles and six furlongs long tarred road, 49 miles long gravel road and 121 miles long earth road. Two miles long road on this section in Yezwa was tarmacked this year. Upgrading will be continued depending on annual fund. Matupi- Paletwa road section has three furlongs long tarred road, two miles and one furlong long gravel road, 132 miles and seven furlongs long earth road (alignment). There is no plan to implement this road section because of high cost based on the topography.

Pakokku-Mindat- Kanpetlet road has two road sections - 89 miles and three furlongs long Pakokku-Mindat road section and 38 miles long Mindat-Kanpetlet road section. Pakokku-Mindat road section

has 88 miles and three furlongs long tarred road and one mile long gravel road. Mindat- Kanpetlet road section has 22 miles and one furlong long gravel road and 15 miles and seven furlongs long earth road. In upgrading these road sections from earth road to hard road, hard road to gravel road and gravel road to tarred road, a total of 100 miles and four furlongs have been tarred. The Ministry of Construction will continue to upgrade other road sections yearly by the State fund.

Chin national U Ngon Hsan Haw was assigned as Chin State Superintendent Engineer. Two deputy superintendent engineers, two district superintendent engineers, seven township engineers, seven assistant site engineers, three township (branch) engineers, 13 site engineers (1), four drawing staff, 75 office staff and 300 labours were undertaking construction works. A total of 166 vehicles, including 14 bulldozers, eight land leveling vehicles, 12 excavators, 33 rollers, seven stone crushers, one crane, 72 dumper trucks, four oil/water tankers, 15 administration vehicles, are used in addition to other mobile vehicles based on the site requirement.

The construction works are being carried out and will be carried out in Chin State as well as in the entire nation with added momentum.

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