

**First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for ninth day.  
Proposal ‘upgrading of free compulsory primary education system  
into duty to educate children’ submitted**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March-The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann declared that the attendance of 432 made up 99.77 percent of 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and that the ninth-day session was therefore valid.

Out of the questions raised by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of Union level organizations Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint, Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe and Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replied to them.

The questions were about whether or not there is any plan to distribute some of power supply from Myogyi Dam to Danu region and about whether or not there is any plan to extend power supply from Kinda Dam being distributed to Ywangan by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency; about the electricity bills the people of Rakhine State have to pay by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency; about how plans are made to hold by-elections by U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency; about prevention of Minbya of Rakhine State from being eroded by Laymyo River by U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency; and about the blockage of the waterway of Kaladan River 29 miles north from Paletwa of Chin State by U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency.

Regarding the matters related to the proposals ‘granting permission to foreign guests and tourists to visit Chin State’ and ‘upgrading Haka, the capital of Chin State, into a city with the characteristics of the capital cities of other states’ presented by U Ngun Moun of Haka Constituency, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives made discussions, members of Union level organizations Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt made reviews and discussions and the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought.

Then, U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency submitted the proposal ‘nationwide taking of censuses in Myanmar and U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency the motion ‘upgrading of the free compulsory primary education system into a free compulsory middle school education system (duty to educate children) with a view to achieving the goal of cent-per-cent literacy rate in Myanmar and making suitable policies in order that both the government and private sector can engage in adopting school curriculums and the education system in which the examinations that can have links with international universities are included’.

Then, the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought to decide whether or not the said motions should be discussed.

Later, the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced that the ninth-day session ended and the tenth-day session would be held at 10 am tomorrow.

The session was adjourned at 1.45 pm.

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