

**Transport Minister answers question
of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March-At today's regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency in his question said that Minbya in Rakhine State is facing the erosion of its costal areas yearly due to the Laymyo River; that strong current of the river causes damage to houses and buildings in riverside wards in the township; and asked if there is a plan to take preventive measures against bank erosions in the township.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe relied that preventive measures against bank erosions have been taken in Minbya from 1999-2000 to 2010-2011 as follows: -

- (a) 1999-2000 sand bed 1320 feet
- (b) 2000-2001 Geotube 2490 feet
- (c) 2004-2005 rock-filled embankment 350 feet
- (d) 2005-2006 rock-filled embankment 180 feet
- (e) 2007-2008 rock-filled embankment 120 feet
- (f) 2008-2009 rock-filled embankment 150 feet
- (g) 2009-2010 rock-filled embankment 90 feet

Rock-filled embankments are being built for 320 feet in 2010-2011 fiscal year as follows: -

- (a) No. 1 retaining wall (mouth of Sambale Creek) 70 feet
- (b) No. 2 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek) 120 feet
- (c) No. 3 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek) 130 feet

He said that the tasks will continue for prevention of bank erosions in Laymyo.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his discussion said that if erosion of coastal areas persists in Laymyo despite preventive measures, it should seek to know whether there are other technical requirements or not, and other approaches for durability of embankments.

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