

Construction Minister responds to question on maintenance of Mandalay-Bhamo road

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March-At today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency said that the people are pleased for enjoying fruits of economic, social, education and health sectors as unprecedented smooth transport sector is being undertaken across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Local people of Kachin State including those of Mansi Township thanked the government for construction of Mandalay-Bhamo road between Kachin State and Mandalay Region.

As some parts of the road are damaged, the travellers face difficulties. In raising the question, he asked how the Mandalay-Bhamo Road will be maintained.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, in his reply, said that there are two routes linking Mandalay and Bhamo-Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road as original road and Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road as the new one.

The 370-mile first one is being constructed by Asia World and Shwe Moe Thun Aung Companies through BOT system.

Asia World Co is constructing 24 feet wide asphalt road from Mandalay to Namkham while Shwe Moe Thun Aung Co, the 60-mile section from Namkham to Bhamo. The road comprises 325 miles and four furlongs long asphalt section, seven miles long gravel section and 37 miles and four furlongs long hard section. The new facility is 277 miles long Mandalay- Thabeikkyin-Tagaung- Bhamo road on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

The new road passes through Thabeikkyin, Tagaung, Nga-Oh, Udaungtaung, Sinkhan and Hanhtet. The facility linking Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and Kachin State was commissioned on 11 May 2010. The road comprises 25 miles and five furlongs asphalt section, 167 miles and seven furlongs long gravel section.

A total of 397 bridges were also built on the road.

Of the, 460 feet long Sinkhan Bridge is of two-way RC floor type and 2330 feet long Shweli (Nga-Oh) Bridge, of twoway RC beam and floor type.

Union level organization member Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposals Amyotha Hluttaw has approved for discussion: to form a board of experienced professionals to lay down the most appropriate ways to improve the health care in the health sector by U Steven Thabeik from Chin State Constituency (4), and to grant graduated Chin national doctors Sa Ma (physician licence) as soon as possible and assign more doctors to Chin State by U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9). The hluttaw made decisions on the proposals.

U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9) changed his proposal to upgrade Rezwa Sub-Township in Chin State to a township to a question.

The session ended at 12 noon. The 12th-day session takes place on 21 March.

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