

## **Construction Minister answers question on upgrading of Aungban-Hanmyintmo road**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March - At today-session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency put a question on upgrading of Aungban-Hanmyintmo road, a strategic road of Danu Self-Administered Zone with poor development to link Shan State (South) and upper Myanmar, saying that development of a region calls for better transport.

Regarding the question, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied that 79-mile and one furlong long Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan-Aungban road is a major road for the region to transport products of Aungban and Pindaya to Mandalay Region. It was upgraded to 12 feet wide tarred road by the Ministry of Construction.

The road surface was damaged by increase in running of machinery and trucks starting from 2004- 05. The amounts of damage to road surface are one mile in Mandalay Region and nine miles in Shan State (South) totalling 10 miles.

During the 2010-11 fiscal year, upgrading of three-mile and six-furlong long road section in Shan State (South) was completed and the remaining six-mile and two-furlong will be upgraded in the 2011-12 fiscal year. This year, narrow parts of the road section were widened and road works will be continued in the coming fiscal year. Two reinforced concrete bridges were built.

Bridge No (1/7), Nwartat Bridge, on the road section in Mandalay Region was upgraded. One new bridge was built and six bridges upgraded. The abovementioned construction and maintenance works were carried out in the 2010-11 fiscal year only.

Similar works had already been carried out in previous years.

Now, the three-mile and six-furlong road section with rough surface was upgraded and the upgrading of remaining road sections is underway.

So the Ministry of Construction will carry out road works on priority yearly and upgrading of Hanmyintmo- Myogyi-Ywangan- Aungban road is underway.

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