

Sixth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb-The sixth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued today at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 563 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, Secretary of Joint Bill Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of Sagaing Region ChaungU Township Constituency U Saw Hla Tun read out the observations and remarks regarding the national planning bills.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein tabled a motion to discuss the national planning bills in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was seconded by a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representative. Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of Zeyathiri Constituency said that the task of approving the bills submitted by the Union Government is to be decided by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprising public representatives. The paper submitted by a government representative still needs to include national development plans that serve the best interests of the nation. At the same time, a human resource development project that is the best and the most reliable should be implemented with adequate investment.

To ensure high morale, good discipline and improved education, the motto ‘Morale, Discipline and Education’ of the education ministry is to be taught in basic education schools, institutes, colleges and universities across the country. In this context, it is necessary to open agricultural and livestock breeding high schools, technical high schools and institutes and other vocational high schools and institutes in a harmonious manner. Courses on training for trainers, vocational training, job training and occupational training in respective subjects need to be conducted at respective schools for capacity enhancement of students who have graduated, said the Speaker.

Awarding pay, salaries and allowance to personnel at different levels, conducting training and educative programs and adopting carrot and stick approach that can lead to promoting morale and discipline have the potential to ensure clean government and good governance as underscored by the President.

It is also necessary to award enough salaries and allowance for teachers, police forces, military servicemen, departmental personnel and low-level administrative bodies. For those performing defence duties, especially Tatmadawmen who are serving by risking their lives, ration money, uniforms and their expenses should be provided at least as the same amount of those provided in 1959-1960.

The Speaker continued that there are unavoidable high commodity prices and low prices of paddy and other crops that today’s farmers and livestock breeders have to experience. The losses that producers are facing can have a great impact on farmers, workers and service personnel.

However, prices of paddy in fields and prices of fish in breeding ponds are far lower than production costs whilst paddy and fish prices in market and at shops are high. Reviewing the root cause, it is due to high transport charges and other unnecessary transaction costs.

So, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw needs to urge organizations concerned to adopt new projects that can help reduce high commodity prices and other transaction costs, the Speaker noted.

In adopting national plans and projects, it is necessary to gather and calculate correct data like in Gross Domestic Product-GDP. Only then will correct and appropriate national plans and projects emerge.

Out of the bills submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the ones of some departments are found to have a big difference in terms of Myanmar's population. So, taking of census must be carried out projects on an early basis.

Some businesses should not only pay attention to make profit and they should also carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA). It is the duty of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to decide investments as the investments include money of the people and decision should be made after the short-term and longterm advantages were accessed.

In conclusion, he called on the Speaker and representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for making decisions to increase the pay and salaries of workers and employees at the start of the upcoming fiscal year so that they can enjoy high living standards and the clean government and good governance can be formed, to allow laws which can help projects that can benefit the country and people and to reject, suspend and limit the projects which cannot benefit the country and the people, to urge the body concerned to invest in the national development project or human resource development project as the project can benefit the country and the people in short and long term, to understand and cooperate with those who work within the law, to oppose any personnel and group at home and abroad who put hindrances to bringing benefits to the country and the people and to urge every citizen to obey the existing rules and laws.

U Saw Hla Tun, a representative from ChaungU Township, seconded a proposal urging Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to use the above discussion as guidelines in drawing the national development plan by the government.

The proposal was approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

U Aung Thant of Patheingyi Constituency, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggong Constituency, U Mann Maung Maung Nyan of Pantanaw Constituency, U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency and Dr Mya Oo of Ngazun Constituency discussed matters related to the national planning bills.

As an important proposal, Daw Nann Say Owa of Hpa-an Constituency submitted a proposal urging Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to carry the discussion of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann about the matters related to the national planning bill live on television and the proposal was seconded by Daw Zar Talam of Thantlang Constituency .

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 9, Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Township Constituency, U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3, Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyauktaga Constituency , Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency and U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency took part in discussions.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm and it will continue tomorrow.-MNA

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