

Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 26th day

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March-Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 26th day in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 510 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

With respect to the question of U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 on “urging the Union government to amend the designation of Social Security Board of Ministry of Labour as the government’s economic organization”,

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied: Social Security Law was prescribed in 1954. According to it, social security works have been carried out after forming Social Security Board Since 1955- 1956. The board has to run works only with its own funds till 1963. Since 1-10-1963, the State’s all organizations, board corporations and development affairs organizations have to do their business with public funds after Budget Allocation Law has been enacted in 1963. It had no separate funds, but only public fund. These organizations cannot open any separate fund account unless they got separate green light from the government.

Since 1976-1977, Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour was designated as a state-owned business. Stateowned businesses including Social Security Board had to run their business only with their own funds before 1988. After 1988, they run their business with State’s funds. In so doing, their receipts went to State’s funds, and they had to spend money in line with existing financial regulations, rules and procedures.

New Social Security Bill states that social security fund is to be set up with the contributions of employer and employees and cash assistances of Union Fund, and being employees’ contributions, it cannot be carried toward Union fund as receipts.

Formation of Social Security Board is to protect employees’ rights, to have the rights related to injuries and to help workers and the rest family enjoy retired pensions.

Ministry of Labour that closely supervises Social Security Board can submit it to Union government if it needs amendment. So, I would like to urge you to postpone the proposal as it is in the hand of Ministry of Labour.

The Hluttaw decided not to discuss the proposal with majority “No” vote.

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill and Supply Bill for disabled Tatmadawmen and the families of dead or fallen Tatmadawmen are put on record by Union Hluttaw, which were approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

After that, member of Joint Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe presented the committee’s report on amendment to paragraph No. 2 of Ward or Village-tract administration Bill. The Hluttaw approved the amended bill with majority “yes” vote.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint submitted the proposal on approving overall amendment to Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill.

U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency discussed and seconded it, and the Hluttaw approved it. Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker read out the message on Union government’s undertakings which is sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

The message said: even though Union government serving the country’s executive duties carried out the following matters with goodwill and it needs to scrutinize whether or not it complies with the laws.

These matters are that cash awards and salaries of Unionlevel persons are not in accord with the law enacted for Union-level persons to enjoy cash awards. They are now enjoying the reduced rates as per the ones in the time of State Peace and Development Council, raising retired pensions, designation of National Human Rights Commission as Central level organization and description of spending money for the Commission in budget bill. The aforesaid undertakings are to be scrutinized in line with the Constitution and other existing laws. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is urged to help these undertakings be in accord with the laws. It must be clear that Hluttaws' undertakings are paying more emphasis on the rule of law. Continual cooperation of executive body and Hluttaws must be a good example to the State and the people. So, that message was sent to review the said matters.

After that, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein presented the Committee's findings and remarks on the message. It was approved by the Hluttaw.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am and third regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was ended.-
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