

## **Dry zone voices concern over fire, more fire engines to be employed**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—More fire engines will be employed at fire stations in hot and dry central Myanmar in 2013-2014 fiscal year, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Su Su Hlaing today told Pyithu Hluttaw session.

She answered no to the question—whether the fire stations in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions would be extended—raised by Pyawbwe Constituency's U Myint Soe.

Nine fire engines will be allotted to Mandalay Region, 11 to Magway Region and 12 to Sagaing Region in this fiscal year, the deputy minister said.

The deputy minister said the ministry has the plan to provide five-unit fire stations in the regions with rescue tenders in the hottest part of Myanmar with highest possibility of fire outbreak.

Mandalay and Magway regions are the first and second most vulnerable regions to fire as Myanmar saw 648 fire outbreaks within first nine months of this year, according to a Xinhua report.—*NLM*

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