

Private newspapers will emerge soon

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov- Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 9th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex , here, at 10.10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 394 MPs.

At today's session, six questions were replied; one proposal submitted; and one bill submitted. With respect to the question of Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency on "how preventive measures against decadent music, dance and mode of dress which is a national danger would be taken," Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe said that it is a matter of concern from family and class rooms to society.

Plans are under way to speed up future process of Myanmar National Culture Central Committee under which Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Union Attorney-General Office are formed.

Regarding the question of U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency on "whether or not the government gave green light to private newspapers from the period between 1965-1967 in Myanmar and Union Government will allow to publish private newspapers according to the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962)", Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi replied that some private newspapers were in operation during the period between 1965 and 1967 at time when the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962) was still in force. Green light will be given to publication of private newspapers soon. In so doing, a new media environment is being set up in cooperation with respective media. The Union Government would allow the publication of daily private newspapers at an opportune time.

U Thein Nyunt would like to know the more prescribed period for it. The Union Minister said that it depends on the facts that how the remaining organizations including Myanmar Press Council would implement institutions urgently in the process of new media reforms.

So, the Union Government is not position to decide fixed dates for it. With respect to the question of U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency on "if there is any plan to reconstruct Ottwin Township Sport Ground," Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan said that it will be implemented with the fund of Bago Region Government in 2014-2015 financial year.

Regarding the question of U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem Constituency on "if there is any plan to upgrade inner fencing and stand in Loilem District Sport Ground", the Union Minister said that it will be implemented with the fund of Shan State Government in 2014-2015 financial year.

Deputy Agriculture and Irrigation Minister responded to the question on agriculture matter raised by Dr Soe Thura of Kyonpyaw Constituency that arrangements were being made for upgrading and construction of irrigation facilities and priority would be given to tasks in accord with the budget allotments and he called for constant collaborative efforts between authorities concerned and farmers.

Regarding the question raised by U Than Soe of Thazi Constituency, the deputy minister answered that repair works for water outlets of Thettaw dam (2) would be carried out in accord with the budget allotments.

Next, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency submitted a proposal to make new enactments, if there is no rules and regulations and bylaws, which enable farmers to apply for a mortgage on their own farmlands to the Central Bank of Myanmar (or) its branches and private banks, including agriculture bank under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Deputy Ministers U Khin Zaw, Dr Lin Aung and U Than Tun said that the proposal should be put on record as it was under implementation by the Hluttaws and the Union government.

Two Hluttaw representatives took part in the discussions on the proposal that the Hluttaw approved to put it on record.

Member of Union Election Commission U Win Ko submitted a bill on recalling a representative of the Hluttaw and Chairman of the Bill Committee U Ti Khun Myat read out the report.

Today's session came to an end at 12.50 pm, and the tenth-day session will continue tomorrow.

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