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Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov- Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 10th day this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 387 representatives.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Su Su Hlaing answered two questions raised by MPs.

In her answer to the question raised by U Moe Zaw Hein of Katha constituency about salaries for teachers at youth development philanthropic schools and monastic schools, she said the government would not pay for the teachers as they are volunteers.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha constituency asked about fund for the persons with disabilities, formation and employment of associations, employment of the disabled persons as staff. The deputy minister answered that the fund used for the disabled persons is K 461.898 million. She said the ministry does not handle the formation and registration of the associations. The bill for the disabled persons is being drafted, she said. The legislation will set the ratio of the appointment of the disabled persons, she added.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj- Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun said that work is underway to form National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and the organizational setup of the traffic police corps would be extended in his answer to the question raised by U Tun Thein (a) U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency, on behalf of U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency. He said fines would be used in beautifying tasks. The Deputy Minister said in his answer to the question of Daw Nan Wah Nu about issuance grants of houses in regions and states that the grants are issued with the approval of the director-general of the General Administration Department and the Union Minister for Home Affairs. He added the land disputes are settled by the GAD (Head Office) and the appeal could be submitted to the Union Minister for Home Affairs.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt answered two queries raised by Hluttaw representatives. In his answer to the query raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency about inspection tours to prisons and detention centres by judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, he said the judges did not visit the prisons and detention centres. The judges are trying to pass verdicts for delayed cases, he added. The Correctional Department is responsible for some prisoners who did not enjoyed the remission. With respect to the question of U Than Tun of Depaeyin Constituency on “if there is law, bylaws, procedures, orders and directives that prohibit media’s access to the courts,” Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt said that as the judges who are in charge of fairness of judicial system and security and disciplinary action in courts, do not allow media to enter into the courts, the assumption that there would be corruption, lack of transparency and wrong decisions in the courts, ignoring the dignity and human rights of defendants, plaintiffs and witnesses, amount to the defamation of the courts. So, it is not appropriate.

Every body can get access to the courts with the permission of judges. There is no reason to misunderstand not allowing of photos and video recordings that can disrupt the trial. In fact, there have not been any problems between media and the courts till now.

U Saw Thein Aung of Hlaingbwe Constituency submitted the proposal on designation of departmental procedures as a special matter if tribes and national races in remote areas are disqualified for pursuing education in vocational training schools. With respect to the proposal, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo and Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu discussed that it should be put on record as it has being undertaken by ministries. U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency submitted the proposal urging the Union Government not to hand over

current and future hydro power projects being implemented with the State's investment for the consideration of practicing JV/BOT and BOT system.

With respect to it, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi discussed that they don't want to give any comment on it as being a perfect one. Hluttaw agreed to put it on record.

These two proposals were put on record. The meeting came to an end at 1.10 pm and will continue at 1 pm tomorrow.-MNA

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