Officials check plant pests at trade routes, airports: Deputy A&I Minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Oct — Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw responded to the question of U Saw Maw Tun of Bago Region Constituency No 1 that prevention against crops germs and pests are disseminated to the farmers about 120 times through Radio Myanmar and MRTV programmes, farmers channel, Sky Net channel, Agri & Livestock channel, Cherry FM, Leyar Seepwar journal of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, New Technology journal and Myanmar farmers journals at Friday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) in Nay Pyi Taw.

He continued to say that officials of the Agriculture Department made trips to the grassroots levels in regions and states for meeting farmers and gave educative talks to them about use of pesticides without harming environments and provided pest prevention courses to farmers 136 times up to August 2014.

In line with the Plant Pest Quarantine Law 1993, officials check new plant pest diseases and infection of pests and germs at nine trade routes, and 11 pests control camps at Yangon and Mandalay airports. At present, the pest/disease control law for export and import of plants and plant products is being drafted to improve the Plant Pest Quarantine Law 1993, he said.

The deputy minister submitted the proposal to discuss the bill amending the seeds law.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Kyaw Kyaw submitted the report of the committee on amending the seeds law.

Member of Bill Committee U Sai Tin Aung read the inland water transport bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments and the Hluttaw approved it.

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