

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, 30 October, 2014

Representatives divided on purchase of farm machinery in installments from South Korea

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives had different opinions on purchase of farm machinery worth of US\$ 100 million from Daedong Industrial Co, Ltd of South Korea.

Defence Services Representative Lt-Col Moe Kyaw Oo supported the purchase, saying that the government is responsible for raising the living standards of peasant farmers who are suffering losses due to the shortage of farm machinery.

Another representative who supported the purchase was Representative U Min Swe who said farm machinery from the Korean company are of high quality and the term for repayment for the purchase is not burdensome.

However, Representative U Sein Win said that the union government is responsible for the loan for the purchase when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been approved the program and thus the program should be handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, which is concerned with peasant farmers and is more likely to make the program successful.

Representative Daw Khin Hmway Lwin was of the opinion that the Korean company should be invited to Myanmar to sell their farm machinery in installments to farmers instead of taking loan by the union government from the Korean company.

Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan responded to the discussions of the representatives by saying that peasant farmers have been trained to use farm machinery and the detailed plan to repay the loan has been arranged, adding that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is incapable of going to every village to implement the plan.—MNA

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