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Pyithu Hluttaw raised questions on safety of gas pipelines

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Oct - Representatives raised questions on safety of gas pipelines and taxes on scent wood, thanaka and bee products and debated the report on appropriate electoral system for Myanmar at the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Session on Monday.

Concerning with the question on safety of gas pipelines, Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo said that standard materials were purchased for Southeast Asia gas pipeline which was designed and constructed in accordance with American Petroleum Institute Standard and American Society of Mechanical Engineers Standard for the safety of the pipeline. Leaflets about the pipeline were also distributed to local people along the pipeline, the deputy minister added.

Regarding the question on taxes for scent wood and thanaka, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said that those who grow scent wood and thanaka and produce bee products on their own land are permitted to enjoy tax exemption when they have properly registered with departments concerned.

In the debate for the electoral system, Representative U Khin Maung Win of Lanmadaw Constituency said that it is necessary to amend the state constitution and to hold a national referendum to change from one electoral system to another and the current FPTP system should not be substituted with others. Representative Daw Lei Lei Win Swe from Tamway Constituency said that electoral system that combines FPTP and PR systems is the most appropriate for Myanmar. - MNA

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