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Amyotha Hluttaw approves motion on effective prevention of drug abuse

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Feb— Amyotha Hluttaw Session on Monday discussed the motion calling for the government to implement projects for establishing educative training centres for drug addicts in every township to prevent them from choosing wrong course of life in cooperation with civil society organizations, government departments, INGOs and NGOs submitted by Representative U Pe Thaung.

The motion was seconded by four representatives who proposed to form bodies made up of teachers and town elders to expose drug addicts and give treatment to them as well as to take action against traffickers, to restructure current rehabilitation centres for effective measures, and to educate young people in townships on drug abuse and to expose drug traffickers regardless of their statuses.

In response to the motion, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun said that Myanmar is a signatory to three UN conventions on prevention of drug abuse and has formed a central body to combat drug abuse and trafficking under which rehabilitation centres for drug addicts are treating drug addicts who offer themselves to the centres and those who are sent there by their parents without taking legal action against them.

Educative measures are also being taken at township level while the anti-drug squad is being expanded by adding 50 more anti- drug teams, according to the deputy minister. He added that the ministry is also cooperating with local and international organizations to treat and rehabilitate drug addicts. The session approved the motion.

Other topic discussed at the session included raising travel allowance for government employees and amendment of the law translation bill. Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung said travel allowance for government employees would be raised starting from 2015-16 fiscal year while the speaker agreed to discuss the law translation bill. --MNA

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