

## **Pyithu Hluttaw 3 February, 2015**

### **National transport master plan comprising 142 projects to seek approval of Hluttaw**

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Feb — At 11th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw on Tuesday, U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency asked whether there is a plan to cancel or amend the fine for overdue repayment date of agricultural loans of farmers.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank collected 5 per cent interest from the loans and 12 percent fine for overdue loans.

According to the existing laws and rules, there is no plan to cancel or amend the fine for overdue loans. At present, coordination is being made with the office of the Attorney-General of the Union for amendment of the law.

U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency raised a question on plans of the government how to draw and implement national transport master plan. Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that the master plan consists of 32 aviation projects, 15 waterway transport projects, 33 inland water transport projects, 14 rail transportation projects, 48 road transport projects, totalling 142.

Arrangements are being made to seek approval for the master plan. Projects of the plan will be implemented at prioritized level. A national level central committee will be formed with officials of Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Construction and other ministries concerned.

U Thang Lein of Mindat Constituency submitted a proposal calling for drawing land management policies based on ecosystem and geographical conditions so as to conserve environment and natural resources.

Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung explained that not only government but also NGOs and INGOs participate in undertaking the process of drawing land management policies based on ecosystem and geographical conditions so as to conserve environment and natural resources. The Hluttaw decided to put the proposal on record.—MNA

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