

Amyotha Hluttaw 12 March, 2015

Amyotha Hluttaw convene 25th day meeting

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 March — Representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw discussed issues on road construction, steel factories and infrastructural development. Dr Htay Win, an MP of Ayeyawady region constituency 5, asked for the transfer of railway section between Htugyi and Bantbwegone from the Ministry of Rail Transportation to the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Livestock, Fishery and Rural Development.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Myint Thein said as the railway section is no longer used and the handover is a possibility if the MLFRD seeks approval from the MRT. MPs also discussed report of Amyotha Hluttaw's National Planning and Development Projects Committee on its fact-findings for the third three-year of 2014- 2015 fiscal year. U Phone Myint, an MP of Yangon Region constituency 3, said the report of committee has showed that Myingyan steel factory was targeted to manufacture 200 thousand tonnes of steel.

However the target was not met and the factory was suspended. He continued that another steel factory namely Patpin is under construction and is expected to manufacture steel in 2015-2016 fiscal year to be able to supply Myingyan facility with raw steel. The representative also noted he is optimistic about the potential of Petpin facility as the project has also been advocated by Union Ministry for Industry U Maung Myint and parliamentarians.

U Paw Lyan Lwin, an MP of Chin State constituency 9, said companies and contractors who won deals for state projects did not observe the standards promised in the agreements due to negligence of quality inspection teams. Later, U Pe Thaung, Amyotha Hluttaw's Rescue and Relief Committee submitted a report on humanitarian works of Amyotha Hluttaw members led by speaker U Khin Aung Myint in Mandalay, Rakhine, and Yangon. --MNA

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