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Pyithu Hluttaw approves referendum amendment bill for constitutional change

[incl. Gov. pay to its staff+farm loans suspension+mines along chindwin river]

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 May — The Pyithu Hluttaw on Thursday approved the referendum amendment bill for the amendment to the 2008 Constitution.

U Aung Sein, a representative from the Manaung constituency, tabled a motion demanding the local government pay the township's development committee staff from its pocket. He said the staff from remote regions get paid double and that the local government should take charge of their regular pays as the local development committee is short of budgets. In response to the proposal, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung suggested inserting additional pays in the Union Funds.

U Myint Oo of the Thanatpin constituency inquired about the possible suspension of farm loans due to disasters. U Ohn Than, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, responded that the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank, when informed of agricultural disaster in time, reserves the right to suspend loans on the recommendation of local authorities.

Daw Sanda Min of the Zabuthiri constituency asked the local government of possible legal action against mines breaking the laws and any knowledge of illegal mines along the Chindwin river. U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister at President Office, responded that legal action will be taken against violators after a joint inspection by related ministries and the local government. --MNA

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