

## **Pyithu Hluttaw 9 March, 2015**

### **Four townships in Kayah State, Ayeyawady Region to get inter-town asphalt roads in March**

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March—Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) continued its 23rd day session Monday. With regard to the question raised by U Htay Maung of Saw Constituency on number of townships facilitated with inter-town asphalt roads in the nation, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that so far, Ministry of Construction has constructed inter-town roads in 248 townships of 330 across the nation.

Upgrading of inter-town roads will be completed in Shadaw in Kayah State, Thabaung, Wakema and Mawlamyinegyun townships in Ayeyawady Region in March this year. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied to a question sufficiency for quality paddy seeds raised by U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency that region and state administrative bodies need to invite investors for establishment of paddy seed production, while the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will provide assistance to them in controlling quality of seeds, registration and inspection of seed farms under the seeds law.

Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency asked whether there is a plan to arrange flow of foreign direct investment to Myanmar for development of agriculture sector. He also explained that the ministry cooperates with foreign experts with their expertise and technology for development of agrobased industries. Now, the ministry is holding talks with 65 foreign companies for investment in agriculture sector. At present, 21 projects worth US\$78 million are being implemented while over US\$370 million foreign loans are being spent on four projects. --MNA

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