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Government to reclaim about 39,000 acres of farmlands in 2015-16 FY

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 March — U Myint Soe, MP of Pyawbwe Constituency, asked about plans of the Anti-Corruption Commission to enquire corruption and bribery cases at law offices and courts at Wednesday's session of Pyithu Hluttaw. Chairman of the commission U Mya Win replied that corruption cases need firm evidences and information from investigation report to take action against the lawbreakers.

It is not easy to enquire corruption cases at the law offices and courts under disguise of clients. Depending on the cases, investigation and taking action will be undertaken under the anti-corruption law. U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency asked about reclamation of mechanized farm plots and disbursement of long-term loans for reclamation of modern farmlands.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than explained that the government has reclaimed 34,376 acres of mechanized farmlands including 711 aces with the assistance of Japanese Institute of Irrigation and Drainage-JIID and Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and Korea International Cooperation Agency-KOICA from 2011-12 to 2014-15 fiscal year.

In 2015-16 fiscal year, the government will spend its fund on 4,500 acres of farmland, loans from India on 30,400 acres of land and International Fund for Agricultural Development-IFDA on 4,000 acres of land. Moreover, 20,400 acres of farmlands will be reclaimed with the loan from India and 4,000 acres with IFAD in 2016-17 fiscal year.

A plan is underway to reclaim 2,000 acres by spending loan from IFAD in 2017-18 fiscal year. Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank has no plan to disburse long-term loans to farmers for paying back it through installment. --MNA

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