

Pyithu Hluttaw

Rural electrification, meter boxes discussed by Pyithu Hluttaw

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THE electrification effort and the meter boxes that will measure usage were among the issues discussed by the 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 7th regular session seventh day meeting held yesterday in Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw.

The questions on the electricity sector were answered by Ministry of Electricity and Energy Deputy Minister Dr. Tun Naing.

Replying to a question raised by Daw Aye Aye Mu (a) Daw Sharmie of Kalay constituency on plans to install sufficient numbers of meter boxes for household use, Deputy Minister Dr. Tun Naing said depending upon the usage amount, three-types of digital meter boxes were being planned for purchase and installed for household use in place of a single meter box previously used so that a huge number of meter reading personnel are not required. Tenders were called with the 2017-2018 fiscal year ordinary expenditure budget to purchase 5/30 ampere meters that will be read directly for use in rural villages,

5/30 ampere meters that can be read by hand held unit (HHU) for use in small towns and 10/60



Pyithu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

ampere meters that can be read by HHU for use in big towns. The 10/60 ampere meter can use twice the amount of power of the previous meters and once these arrive in early April 2018, arrangements are being made to fulfil the meter box requirement. On the question of plans to review and install Ever brand household digital electricity meters asked by U Naing Naing Win of Tamu constituency, Deputy Minister Dr. Tun Naing said tenders had been called for in a transparent and fair manner in fiscal year 2017-2018 to purchase three types of digital meters for rural, small and big town usage.

Among the meters submitted in the tender, one which has good technology and quality and can be acquired at a fair price will be bought and, starting in the coming fiscal year, arrangements are being made for the price of the household meters to be reviewed and reduced.

Next, Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency asked if there was a plan to provide electricity to villages on the banks of the Sittaung River in Ottwin Township, to which Deputy Minister Dr. Tun Naing said the six villages of Aung Thar, Kan Thar, Thaungtan, Thaungpu, Kyetlesit and Chaungkyo on the banks of

the Sittaung River in Ottwin Township are more than 5 miles away from the 11 KV power line, and therefore not included in the initial stage of the national electrification plan (NEP).

By the second stage of the NEP project, electricity will be provided to these six villages via Ziphyuthaung and Thayetaw villages. Some villages are in places where road communication is not good and it is difficult to transport the concrete poles, power lines and transformers needed.

In response to a question by U Oo Tun Win of Kyauktaw constituency on plans to provide electricity to the Pane Ne

Chaung-Kyauk Swe Phyu beach area, the Deputy Minister said electricity provided to a total of 30 villages near Goppi Daunt village along the Kyauk Swe Phyu beach area will be included in the 2021-2022 fiscal year five-year plan implemented with Union funds to construct nine miles of 66KV power transmission line and a 66/11 KV, 5 MVA sub-station in Goppi Daunt village.

Once the Goppi Daunt sub-station is constructed, providing electricity to 30 villages near Goppi Daunt village along the Kyauk Swe Phyu beach area will be implemented by coordinating with Rakhine State government to fund the required 11 KV power line and 11/0.4 KV transformers.

A bill to amend the television and video law was then submitted by Ministry of Information Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun to the Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee member Thakayta constituency Dr Wei Phyo Aung read and explained the committee's report on the bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint said that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill should enroll their names.

The 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 7th regular session eighth day meeting is scheduled for 29 January. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses road construction work

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Asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered and two bills were discussed at the seventh-day meeting of the seventh regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw, held yesterday morning in the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall.

During the meeting, U Kyaw Htway of the Yangon Region constituency (8) raised a question regarding the Zaykabar Company's non-compliance with the agreement terms made with the Ministry of Construction while laying the Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dedaye road under the build, operate, transfer (BOT) system. Replying to the question, Ministry of Construction Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin said the construction

contract for the 54-mile 7-furlong Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dedaye road was granted to Zaykabar Company by the Ministry of Construction's Department of Road, and after receiving permission from the Myanmar Investment Commission, an agreement was signed on 8 October 2013. From 2013, when the construction work was started, until 2015, before the tolls were collected under the BOT system, the tolls were collected under a tender system at the Panhlaing, Pyawbwey and Kanbe gates. The tender fees were provided to the government, so there is no effect on the government. Of the 54 miles and 7 furlongs, Zaykabar Company had constructed the 11-mile and 1-furlong Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay section, the 3-mile and 6-furlong Twantay town detour road, the 9-mile Kanbe-Pyawbwey-Dalla



Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin. PHOTO: MNA

section, and the 17-mile and 5-furlong Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon section, totalling 41 miles and 4 furlongs.

Of the 54-mile and 7-furlong section that Zaykabar Company is constructing under the BOT system, the 13-mile and 3-furlong Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dedaye section has yet to be completed. The Ministry of Construction has not permitted the collection of

road tolls for that section. For the remaining 13-mile and 3-furlong section, asphalt-concrete is being laid on the 5-mile, 3-furlong and 24-feet-wide Kawhmu-Kungyangon section. Further, seven bridges are being widened and an additional layer of asphalt is being laid on the 8-milelong and 18-feet-wide Kungyangon-Dedaye section. The company is being instructed to complete these tasks by the end of May, before the rains. If the company is unable to complete the work in the stipulated time, action will be taken against them, potentially resulting in the termination of the work. The Ministry of Construction will ensure that the company builds the road to the satisfaction of the representatives and the people of Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Dedaye, explained the deputy minister.

Questions raised by U Okka

Min of the Taninthayi Region constituency (8) and U Myo Win of Mon State constituency (8) were also answered by U Kyaw Lin.

Next, a bill on industrial design copyright was discussed by U Soe Thein @ U Maung Soe of the Taninthayi Region constituency (10) and Dr. Pyae Phyo of the Ayeyawady Region constituency (7).

Later, a bill on trade mark copyright was discussed by Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency (11), Naw Chris Tun @ Dr. Arr Kar Moe of Kayin State constituency (7), Dr. Pyae Phyo of the Ayeyawady Region constituency (7) and U Soe Thein @ U Maung Soe of the Taninthayi Region constituency (10).

The eighth-day meeting of the seventh regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw meeting is scheduled to be held on 29 January. ■