

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses roads, bridges construction

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The seventh session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw held its 19th-day meeting yesterday morning, where six questions on roads and bridges were asked and answered, and the Hluttaw took a decision on a bill.

The questions on roads and bridges were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Replying to a question raised by U Khin Cho of Hlaing-bwe constituency on replacing the wood on wooden bridges and bailey bridges with rectangular steel tubes, U Kyaw Lin replied that the advantage of wood is that it is made of fiber and will not break suddenly, bending gradually, giving ample time for failure, while iron tubes break suddenly.

Hollow pipes and tubes are unable to withstand the load and are only used to give a good appearance, said the Deputy Minister.

Reinforced concrete and pre-stressed reinforced con-

crete bridges are being built, and depending on the vehicles passing over the bridges, hollow rectangular iron tubes will be used on some wooden bridges and bailey bridges, wherever possible, said the Deputy Minister.

Responding to a question on the plan to repair roads in Hlinethaya Township, put forth by U Win Min of Hlinethaya constituency, the deputy minister said the 5-mile and 4-furlong Yangon-Pathein road (Bayint Naung Bridge approach road), 3-mile and 2-furlong Yangon-Nyaungdon road (Aung Zeya Bridge approach road) and 4-mile and 6-furlong Anawrahta road (Shwepyitha Bridge approach road) were built by Oriental Highway Co. Ltd., under the build, operate, transfer (BOT) system and repair works were conducted by the company, according to the agreement, and transferred back.

The Yangon City Development Committee has been assigned to conduct maintenance work and is being instructed over the work, said the Deputy



Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin. PHOTO:MNA

Minister.

U Khin Maung Soe of Wundwin constituency raised a question on the plan to repair the Thinbon creek high-water bypass on the Pintale-Meiktila road. The deputy minister said the repair work on the high-water bypass was conducted with the union fund in the 2014-2015 fiscal year by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Department of Rural Development and the Mandalay region government fund in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. However, it was damaged again in the heavy rains in October 2017. To

repair the high-water bypass, a soil test and field visits were conducted on the change in water flow and a good model was designed. Depending on the availability of funds, it will be constructed before the 2020-2021 fiscal year, said the Deputy Minister.

U Aung Kyaw Zan of Pauktaw constituency demanded an investigation over and action against the entity responsible for the incomplete construction of the Thekon-Hsandawshin earth road on the seaside of Myayngukyung, Pauktaw Township.

The Deputy Minister replied that the 22-mile and 7-furlong Thekon-Hsandawshin earth road on the seaside of Myayngukyung, Pauktaw Township, was constructed in the 2015-2016 fiscal year period, with the union (maintenance) fund and the Rakhine State government fund by Than Nang Family Company and Yoma Myay Company.

Yoma Myay Company was unable to complete the works and was found to have broken

the rules and regulations of the tender agreement. The Rakhine State government and the Department of Rural Development that had earlier done work on the road section were asked to take effective action against the company, while the repair and construction works will be conducted after a site study is done, said the Deputy Minister.

In addition to these, questions by U Aung Soe of Yinmabin constituency on the plan to construct the Taungma-Yo Chaung reinforced bridge in Sinswe Village, Yinmabin Township, and U Phone Myint Aung of DaikU constituency on the plan to upgrade the remaining 6-mile section of the 8-mile village road, connecting Kadote Ywama Village and Bawni Village, DaikU Township, into a gravel road were answered by U Kyaw Lin.

Furthermore, a motion to submit an amendment, discussion and decision on a bill on explosive materials, tabled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, were conducted at the meeting. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses school infrastructure

Aye Aye Thant
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THE seventh session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw held its 19th-day meeting yesterday in the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall, where asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, a bill tabled and a motion discussed.

Three asterisk-marked questions raised during the day's meeting were answered by Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun.

Replying to a question raised by U Shayrel Shu Maung of Kayah State constituency (2) on the plan to construct houses for staff, a hostel for students and a 1,660-foot-long concrete road, urgently required for Loi-kaw Technology University, the Deputy Minister said Loi-kaw Technology University had a main building, three six-room staff houses and two workshops.

The work of building a

hostel for students has been assigned to the Ministry of Construction at a cost of Ks572 million in the 2017-2018 fiscal year period. Funds for a staff house and the road are included in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget and will be implemented as soon as the funds are available, said the Deputy Minister.

On a question posed by U Whey Tin of Chin constituency (11) on the plan to build a 120x30 feet reinforced two-storey building in Basic Education High School No(2), Yeikha Ward, Paletwa Town, Chin State, the Deputy Minister said the school had a 100x26 feet two-storey building, 120x30 feet single-storey building, 90x30 feet single-storey building and a 50x20 feet temporary building.

The total teaching area is spread over 10,240 square feet, with the total number of students being 813. The teaching area is not sufficient. However, the budget for 26 schools in the



Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun. PHOTO:MNA

2018-2019 fiscal year does not include this school, and the new building will be earmarked for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, said the Deputy Minister.

Concerning the question posed by U Bwe Khane of Chin State constituency (3) on the plan to construct a 120x20x12 feet two-storey school building for Basic Education Post Primary School of Ward 2, Thant-

lang Town, the Deputy Minister replied that the teaching area of Ward 2 Basic Education Post Primary School was sufficient, having an area of 4,320 square feet for 293 students. As the capital fund for the 2018-2019 budget year includes funds earmarked for six basic education schools in Thantlang Town, a new building for Ward 2 Basic Education Post Primary School will be considered in the 2019-2020 period, explained the Deputy Minister.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe tabled a bill to amend the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law for discussion in the Hluttaw. The motion was supported by Daw Nwe Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency (2).

The Hluttaw made a decision to discuss the bill.

As the Hluttaw decided and agreed to discuss the bill, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win

Khaing Than announced the Hluttaw's agreement to discuss the bill, and it was transferred to the bill committee.

Later, a motion urging the government to give priority to the least developed states and regions and to implement the One Village One Product (OVOP) rural development strategy with the relevant ministerial departments, including a budget for it, and tabled by Daw Htu May of Rakhine State constituency (11), was discussed by U Pe Chit of Yangon Region constituency (9), Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency (11), Dr. Tin Tin Win of Bago region constituency (5), Daw Hla Htay, also known as Daw Ohn Kyi, of Mandalay Region constituency (4) and Dr. Kyaw Ngwe of Magway Region constituency (10).

The 20th-day meeting of the seventh session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held on 20 February. ■