

Pyithu Hluttaw

Road, bridge upgrades discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw

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THE upgrading of bridges and roads were among the issues discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

Responding to a question from U Nay Soe Aung of Wuntho constituency on building a new concrete bridge to replace the Maung Kaw Bridge in Wuntho Township on the Pinlebu-Wuntho-Sinkone road, the Deputy Minister said the bridge is a 115 ft. long R.P.T reinforced concrete bridge that has a 3.66 meter wide one-way road on it. The bridge is on the planned Muse-Namkham-Hti-chaint (Dikyi) -Wuntho-Pinlebu-Phaungpyin-Tamu main road that will connect India, Myanmar and China is planned to be upgraded to a two-way road bridge. Funds to upgrade the bridge will be requested starting from FY 2018-2019 and de-



Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin. **PHOTO: MNA**

pending upon the availability of funds, it will be constructed, explained the Deputy Minister.

U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency then asked if there was a plan to upgrade the Ohn Ne Tan-Kyaukphyutaw inter-villages road that is a bypass road around the Beikthano cultural site. The Deputy Minister replied that the ordinary rough earth road built by the villagers will be maintained to a hardened earth road starting from FY 2018-2019 and Magway Region government had already allocated fund in FY 2019-2020 and the road will be upgraded



Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

accordingly said the Deputy Minister.

Next, the Deputy Minister replied to a question by U Win Naing of Mogaung constituency on status of works conducted under B.O.T. system for a road section of the Myitkyina-Shwebo-Mandalay union road in Mogaung Township and Mogaung-Kamine-Hpakant road. Northern Taw Win Jade Company has been permitted to construct the Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai-Pansaung road section in Kachin State under a B.O.T. system with the recommendation of Kachin State government

and the company was able to lay only a 20 miles asphalt-concrete (AC) road from Namti to Lawa. The company was seen to site the unstable security situation as the reason for being unable to continue the work.

Funding will be requested starting from FY 2018-2019 for approach roads to the 12 bridges on Shwebo-Myitkyina road section and once funding is obtained, laying of an asphalt approach roads will be conducted. But the Deputy Minister added that there is no plan to build the Shwebo-Myitkyina road under a B.O.T. system. During a five-year period, a company recommended by the Kachin State government was permitted to construct the Mogaung-Kamine-Hpakant road section under B.O.T. system but it was unable to conduct any works on it siting security situation. After coordinating with the Kachin State government, Ministry of Construction took back the road section and start work on it with its own personnel. Similarly the Lawa-Pansaung road section will also be constructed by the ministry's engineering staff

explained the Deputy Minister.

Questions raised by U Phone Myint Aung of DaikU constituency, U Myint Oo of Bago Region Thanatpin constituency and U Oo Tun Win of Kyauktaw constituency were also answered by the Deputy Minister.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw tabled a bill amending for the second time the Law of Protection of the Farmers Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits.

Following this, Bill Committee member U Htay Ngwe read explained the report of the committee on its findings and assessment of the bill amending for the second time the Law of Protection of the Farmers Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table the amendment to the bill to enroll their names.

The second Pyithu Hluttaw seventh session 24th-day meeting is scheduled to be held on 5 March. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 7th regular session 23rd day meeting

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THE 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 7th regular session 23rd day meeting was held yesterday morning at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall.

During the meeting, U Aung Kyaw Soe of Kayah State constituency (7) asked whether there was a plan to construct a new State High Court during fiscal year 2018-2019. Supreme Court Judge U Myint Aung said the Kayah State High Court had been renovated in 2011 by the Military Engineer Corp. Also, an extension building to the court was constructed using the Union Supreme Court budget of Ks 50 million in FY 2014-2015, with construction beginning on 16 October 2014 and completed on 28 January 2015. A 40x25 ft. and 12 ft. high township detention center was also built in Loikaw District during FY 2014-2015 and was in use after completion. As



Supreme Court Judge U Myint Aung. **PHOTO: MNA**

such, there is no plan to build a new State High Court in FY 2018-2019 replied the Supreme Court Judge.

U Sai Than Naing of Kayah State constituency (5) then raised a question on whether there is a plan to enact a law to dismiss a Hluttaw representative. Union Election Commission member U Aung Myint replied that a bill on this matter was debated in the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, but there was disagree-



Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment between the two Hluttaws and the bill committee conducted a re-assessment of the bill. The reassessment found that there were contentious matters that could affect national reconciliation and unity, and the bill committee reported to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to enact the law only after detailed discussion is conducted on it.

The report was discussed by 15 Hluttaw representatives, after which Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

agreed to place it under suspension. With respect to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's decision to suspend the matter, the Union Election Commission is continuing the preparations and discussions on the law, according to U Aung Myint.

Next, Daw Lwee Zar of Kayah State constituency (6) asked whether there is a plan to upgrade the road from Fruso Town to Dobre Village as an asphalt road, as well as to upgrade the road from Dobre Village to Lyadu Village as a gravel road. Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut replied that the road from Fruso Town to Dobre Village road was being proposed to be upgraded to an asphalt road in FY 2018-2019 during the second 12-months period and will be carried out, depending upon the availability of funding.

For upgrading the Dobre Village to Lyadu Village road to a gravel road, the Kayah State

government proposed to allocate funds from border development (state) funds during the 2018 April to September period, said the Deputy Minister.

A question raised by U Zaw Min Latt @ U Ko Latt of Shan State constituency (1) was also answered by the Deputy Minister for Border Affairs.

Afterwards, U Soe Thein @ U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency 10 discussed the Caste Disabilities Removal Act.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then informed the Hluttaw about receiving the Myanmar Investment Rule, approved and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw, and said that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the Myanmar Investment Rule to include their names.

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