

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 9th regular session holds third-day meeting

THE third-day meeting of the 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 9th regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

Announcement on appointing Central Bank of Myanmar Governor

First, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than informed the Hluttaw about the President nominating U Kyaw Kyaw Maung to the post of the Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, as the previous governor's term had expired, and Hluttaw representatives who wanted to object to the matter were asked to enroll their names.

Ministers explain income and expenditures in National Planning Bill and Union Budget Bill

Next, income and expenditures in the National Planning Bill and the Union Budget Bill were explained by Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, Union Minister U Thein Swe on behalf of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Union Auditor General U Maw Than, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, Union Civil Service Board member U Win Maw, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aung Myin Tun and Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor U Soe Min.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe said 14 policies and 21 aims were set to implement work in the 2018-2019 FY and expenditures requested were for improving work site relations, acquiring full labour rights, setting up a policy to obtain the exact population numbers and indicators and having sufficient



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: AYE THAN (MNA)

number of skilled workers, having a full insurance system and benefits prescribed under the social security law, eradication of forced labour, implementing appropriate job programmes and work processes jointly conducted with the ILO (International Labour Organisation).

In the 2018-2019 FY Union Budget, the ministry is earmarking Ks60,393.04 million as ordinary income, Ks36,841.42 million as expenditure and a capital expenditure of Ks6,024.881 million, totalling Ks42,866.301 million, explained the union minister.

Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho

Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho explained that the ministry had 113 factories, of which 57 were operating in cooperation with the private sector. Of the remaining, 24 were temporarily closed and work on them would start only when a policy was set. Some six factories were being proposed, according to the procedure for privatisation commission, to be transferred to the private sector. For the 2018-2019 FY, the industrial sector GDP is estimated to be Ks21,243.239 billion, which is an 11.2 per cent increase.

In the 2018-2019 FY Union Budget Bill, the Ministry of Industry has set Ks87.737 billion as ordinary income, capital income (foreign aid) at Ks4.553 billion, debt receipt at Ks2.447 billion, totalling Ks94.737 billion. To implement project work included in the 2018-2019 FY National Planning Bill, a total expenditure of Ks429.648 billion was earmarked, consisting of ordinary expenditure of Ks166.637 billion, capital

expenditure of Ks141.884 billion and debt receipt of Ks121.127 billion. The capital expenditure of Ks141.884 billion includes Ks120.905 billion for new and ongoing projects and Ks20.979 billion for head office/factories, explained the union minister.

Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw

In his explanation, Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw said the project work to be completed in the 2018-2019 FY are two new roads in Rakhine State, upgrading of roads in Sagaing, Kachin, Rakhine and Sagaing-Kachin (Shwebo-Myitkyina), upgrading of roads pledged during Hluttaw meetings and 10 roads proposed by Hluttaw representatives, international linking of three union roads, upgrade of six union roads and 23 other union roads, construction of 27 bridges pledged during Hluttaw meetings and other bridges, five ongoing projects in Yangon Region, major repair of a state guesthouse, two water-related work for housing projects in Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions, repair of districts connecting roads, and upgrading of rural roads in Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions damaged by natural disasters.

The Ministry of Construction's total income earmarked for the 2018-2019 FY is Ks507.335 billion consisting of ordinary income at Ks70.886 billion, capital income at Ks35.63 billion and debt receipt of Ks400.819 billion. A total of Ks847.059 billion consisting of Ks112.320 billion as ordinary expenditure and Ks734.739 billion as capital expenditure is allocated, explained the union minister.

Union Minister U Thein Swe on behalf of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Union Minister U Thein Swe on behalf of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement explained that for the 2018-2019 FY, ordinary income of Ks5,807.072 million, capital income of Ks11,090 million, ordinary expenditure of Ks80,705.305 million and capital expenditure of Ks23,397.237 million, totalling Ks104,102.542 million was submitted. Capital income totalling Ks 11,090 million is made up of the Indian government's aid at Ks6,800 million and Japanese government's aid at Ks4,290 million for Rakhine State. The expenditures requested will be used for social protection work for people who are old, mitigating damages and losses caused by natural disasters all over the country, preparation to respond to natural disasters and rehabilitation and saving the lives of natural disaster-affected people, said the union minister.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung explained that for the 2018-2019 FY, ordinary expenditure of Ks5,969.598 million was allocated, including foreign aid of Ks3005.234 million, and total ordinary expenditure of Ks8,974.832 million was earmarked. The Ministry of Planning and Finance has permitted a new title of increasing travel work and development expenditure in the Hotels and Tourism Ministry's expenditure. An amount of

Ks1,248.4 million was included under this title. For the 2018-2019 FY, the ministry earmarked a total income of Ks22,546.113 million and a total expenditure of Ks9,196.827 million, resulting in a surplus of Ks13,349.286 million, said the union minister.

Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin

In his explanation, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin said for the 2018-2019 FY, the ministry requested ordinary expenditure of Ks3,107.507 million and capital expenditure of Ks1,758.47 million, totalling Ks4,865.977 million. The ordinary expenditure of Ks3,107.507 million includes Ks935.731 million for printing pre-primary and KG picture storybooks of ethnic nationals for 66 ethnic national races. A capital expenditure of Ks1,504.970 million to construct departmental office buildings in Chin State, Rakhine State and Sagaing Region was included in the capital expenditure of Ks1,758.47 million, explained the union minister.

Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein

Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein explained that a total of Ks1,150.785 billion was allocated for the 2018-2019 FY budget. Of this, the state allocation was Ks955.883 billion and foreign allocation was Ks159.392 billion in aid and Ks35.51 billion in loans.

An amount of Ks1,150.785 billion includes ordinary expenditure of Ks737.251 billion and capital expenditure of Ks413.534 billion. Ordinary expenditure comprises 38.25 per cent for salaries, 0.73 per cent for travel, 41.87 per cent for purchases, 7.11 per cent for maintenance and repairs, 11.6 per cent for education and social welfare, 0.02 per cent for entertainment, 0.1 per cent for interest and 0.32 per cent for support. In the 41.87 per cent for purchases, 25.57 per cent has been set aside for the purchase of medicines. The Ks285.26 billion allocated for construction includes 59 per cent for staff housing and 41 per cent for hospital/building/sports ground, explained the deputy minister.

The fourth-day meeting of the 9th regular session of the 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled for 31 July, it is learnt.—Thura Zaw, Han Lin Naing ■