

Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds eleventh-day meeting

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THE eleventh-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

At the meeting, members of union level organisations responded to the discussion of Hluttaw representatives on a joint public account committee report and the Hluttaw's approval was obtained, a report read and a motion tabled.

Union level organisations members respond to Hluttaw representatives' discussions

Union Auditor General and Deputy Ministers responded to the joint public accounts committee report 6/2018 on the committee's findings and comments on the status of construction work projects of the Basic Education Department and the Hluttaw representatives' discussions about the committee report.

Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun said the Basic Education Department was permitted Ks 131,593.635 million for 2,580 capital expenditure works and Department of Building, Ministry of Construction, was assigned to conduct the works. Department of Building conducted 33 construction works and 2,491 construction works were conducted through a tender system.

Ministry of Education had sent coordination letters for the timely completion of works assigned to Ministry of Construction up to the required quality in time in fiscal year 2017-2018. For



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

2018 April to September, Basic Education Department was permitted Ks 62,563.934 million for 4,810 capital expenditure works.

Due to increase in salary, there was a requirement for salary and the 4,810 works were returned as general excess fund. The returned works will be included in fiscal year 2018-2019 and if permitted, companies assessed and selected through tender by state/region governments will be assigned to conduct the works. For works that do not have fund included, it will be put in the additional list and submitted, said the Deputy Minister.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin explained that the ministry is no longer conducting building construction works on its own. The work is directly assigned to the state/region governments and the Union ministerial departments were also informed in writing about this. The Union ministerial departments were also assigning the construction

works to the state/region governments.

If small projects like constructing basic education schools, hospitals, small clinics and office buildings are not conducted and only architectural and structural drawings are drawn and budget requested, tender works can be quickly and easily conducted. Quality assurance is also required to be drawn up together. Funds for architectural designs and other designs, soil test and quality assurance are urged to be requested in advance one fiscal year by the ministries. If such matters are done in advance, tenders can be called in about two months and works can be started in three months, explained the Deputy Minister for Construction.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win said once the Union Budget Law is signed by the President, financial authorizations for departmental expenditures were issued in a

timely manner. It is necessary to prepare in advance so that works can be conducted quickly. For the works to be completed during the fiscal year, tender documents, formation of groups, assessments and calculations, calling of tender, evaluation and selection works need to be conducted using the time usefully. Construction works are conducted by calling tenders from outside contractors and quality assurance works are being assigned to state-owned construction department.

Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance conduct field visit and submitted reports on its findings. The weaknesses found were in assigning and accepting works in a timely manner, lack of authorization down to the bottom level, unnecessary delays in all work processes, work agreements and payments systems, explained the Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance.

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Maw Than said 95 per cent of the works assigned by Ministry of Education to Ministry of Construction were conducted under a tender system and only 5 per cent is being conducted by Ministry of Construction. The latest date on which tenders agreements signed for tenders called by states and regions for fiscal year 2017-2018 was after the fiscal year on 14 May 2018. Therefore, there is a requirement to conduct the work processes for calling tender and signing agreements more quickly. As only 24.6 per cent of works assigned to Ministry of Construction by Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education, was completed, and more need to be done toward completing the works more quickly, according to set qualities and norms, explained the Union Auditor General.

Hluttaw then decided to approve and accept the report.

Reading of Joint Public Accounts Committee report and motion tabled to discuss it

Next a Joint Public Accounts Committee Report No. (7/2018) on the Office of the Union Auditor General audit report for fiscal year 2016-2017 was read by committee secretary U Khin Maung Than and committee member Daw Htu May tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to discuss it. Hluttaw decided to accept and discuss the motion.

An announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to enroll their names.

The twelfth-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled to be held on 24 August, it is learnt. ■



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Pyithu Hluttaw Electricity and Energy Committee receives guests

PYITHU Hluttaw Electricity and Energy Development Committee Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing received a delegation from Myanmar Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd. in the meeting

room of Hluttaw Affairs Building (I-8), Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, the representatives from the company explained about using Ever Digital

Meter with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology to reduce power wastes and discussed expanding the technology for electricity sector development. — Myanmar News Agency ■