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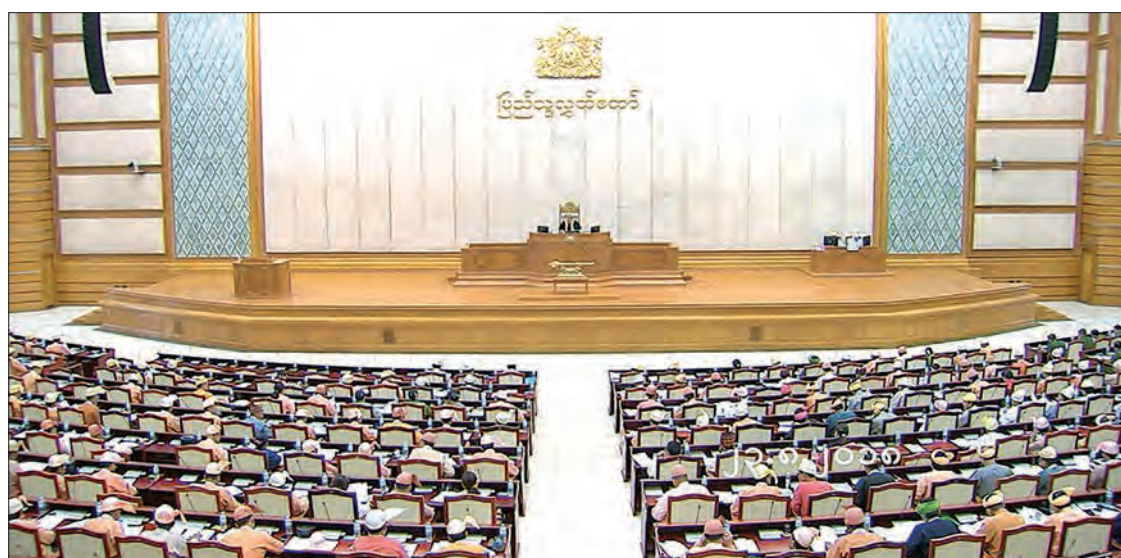
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Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds twelfth-day meeting

THE twelfth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. During the meeting asterisk-marked questions were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin, a motion tabled, a report read and submitted and a report discussed by the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Asterisk-marked questions

Daw Khin Than Nu of Mindon constituency posed the first asterisk-marked question and asked if there is a plan



The twelfth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

to top up a layer and widen the Patheingyi road section in Mindon Township simultaneously. The Deputy Minister replied that topping up a layer and widening the Patheingyi road section in Mindon Township is conducted depending upon the present situation of the road and road layer design. Where necessary, fund for topping up a layer and widening is requested, and depending upon availability of fund, works are conducted, said the Deputy Minister.

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Asterisk-marked questions

In the first question of the day, U Naing Ko Ko of Kachin State constituency 12 said Kachin State Hluttaw had conducted a field inspection on Chinese tissue culture banana plantations and found that the



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plantations were planting in excess of the permitted 40,000 acres, resulting in loss of tax revenue in billions to the country. He posed a question on what sort of action the relevant ministry has taken on this matter. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied that an advance tax of 2 percent was collected in Myittha Township tax offices for tissue culture bananas exported through border gates. The state government had formed a team to investigate planting of tissue culture

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Next, U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency raised a question on plans to remove trees, bushes, buildings and shops that restrict view and provide extra width to S-bends and U-turns (hairpin turns) on 12 ft. wide and 18 ft. wide Ministry of Construction roads. The Deputy Minister replied that in the bends and turns on important roads on hills and mountains, turn radiuses were widened for ease of big trucks using the roads. Road shoulder width and earth embankment width beside the roads were widened depending upon priority set, and in places where road widening is required, funds are requested and works conducted depending upon availability of the fund, said the Deputy Minister. Clearing of trees and bushes obstructing views will be conducted by the ministry and clearing of squatter huts, shops and roadside sellers on road junctions will be conducted in coordination with the state/region governments, explained the Deputy Minister.

U Wai Hlaing Tun of Pathein constituency then said Pyidawtha

Housing Project in the center of Pathein Town consisting of 25 two-storey, four apartments per storey, private buildings and 150 houses were turned into public servant housing, but the process was not done according to law and asked if there is a plan to revert back the public servant housings into private houses as desired by the people. The Deputy Minister said a total of 350 apartments in the 25 two-storey apartment buildings and 150 houses of Pyidawtha House Project were designated as public servant housing during Ayeyawady Region Law and Order Restoration Council meeting 1/94.

Now, people living in 171 of the 350 apartments submitted a request to Ministry of Construction to re-designate the apartments as Pyidawtha Housing. Public servants living in public servant housings are to vacate the apartments when they retire, but public housings are apartments/houses where the public servants and their offspring can live on even after they retire. Converting a public servant housing to private housing is a sensitive matter and it needs to be considered in a nationwide manner,



U Nay Htet Win.

explained the Deputy Minister.

The Ministry has discussed with Ayeyawady Region government and will designate 171 apartments as public apartments while the remaining 179 apartments will remain as public servant apartments, said the Deputy Minister.

Questions raised by U Nay Htet Win of Sinbaungwe constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency and Daw Ni Shwe Hlyan of Thantlang constituency were also answered by the Deputy Minister.

Motion on implementing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

After the asterisk-marked question session, U Tin Maung

Win of Seikkan constituency tabled a motion urging the government to conduct researches on skilled workers, technicians and engineers truly required by the nation, draw up appropriate policy and strategy and establish more Technical High Schools, Government Technical Institutes, Technical Universities in implementing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Myanmar.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the Hluttaw's agreement to discuss the motion and announced further for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to enroll their names.

Second amendment bill to the Settlement of Labour Disputes Law

Afterwards, Hluttaw was informed about the receipt of second amendment bill to the Settlement of Labour Disputes Law sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments, and bill committee member U Nay Myo Tun read and submitted the bill committee's report.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw repre-

sentatives who want to table an amendment motion to submit their names.

Discussion on Pyithu Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee report

Following this, U Myo Zaw Aung of Kawlin constituency, U Khin Maung Thein of Sagaing constituency, U Win Win of Minbu constituency and Dr. Min Thein of YeU constituency discussed the Pyithu Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee report.

Pyithu Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee member U Myo Naing responded to the discussions made by the Hluttaw representatives.

Committee secretary U Zone Teint then tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to agree and accept the report and the Hluttaw agreed and accepted the report.

The thirteenth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be held on 29 August it is learnt. – Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

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bananas without permission and to ensure that all is done according to the law, said the Deputy Minister.

The second question was raised by U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency 3, and he asked if there is any plan to take action against prawn/shrimp ponds in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, that are blocking the two water discharge pipes of Panzinmaw embankment. Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that the farmer embankment is managed by local management committee and as per 2012 ward/village tract administration rule of Ministry of Home Affairs, the ward/village tract administrators are to prevent the blockade of water gates and discharge pipes and action is to be taken against anyone who violate the prohibition. Rakhine State government will be informed about removing the prawn/shrimp ponds that are blocking the water discharge pipes, and action will be taken according to prevailing law if the blockage continues, said the

Deputy Minister.

Finally Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency 9 asked if there is a plan to upgrade state Agriculture Institute (Thaton) into lower Myanmar agricultural college or university. Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that more Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) are required and technical and vocation sector will be promoted in an increasing momentum. Along the China-Myanmar economic corridor, agriculture higher education and TVET programs were conducted in cooperation, agriculture institutes are upgraded to regional agriculture colleges, proposal papers for human resources development were submitted and in the Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS) 2018-2019 to 2022-2023, plans are included to upgrade agriculture institutes to agriculture colleges.

Once this development strategy is approved and permitted, appropriate agriculture institutes will be selected for upgrade to agriculture colleges and required basic buildings, education aid, teaching staff



U Kyaw Kyaw Win.

and upgrading the skills of the teaching staff will be conducted. As such, when this development strategy is implemented, the matters raised in the question will be conducted, said the Deputy Minister.

Reading of reports

After the asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Daw Ohn Kyi read and explained the committee report on Traditional Medicine Council Bill, approved and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then

obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and approved the bill.

Next, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw submitted to the Hluttaw the Boundary Delineation Bill and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Aung Thein read and explained the committee report on the Boundary Delineation Bill. This was followed by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announcing for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill to enroll their names.

Tabling of a bill

Afterwards, U Soe Moe of Ayeyawady Region constituency 1 tabled a bill amending the Bar Council Act to be discussed in the Hluttaw. It was supported by Daw Myat Thida Tun of Mon State constituency 5.

After taking the decision of the Hluttaw to accept and discuss the bill, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the agreement of the Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker also informed the Hluttaw on the receipt of Myanmar Mines Rules sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with

amendments and announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss it to enroll their names.

Hluttaw debates a motion

A motion tabled by U Myo Win of Mon State constituency 8 urging the government to control and manage the management committee, development committee and farmland management committee to ensure that there is no corruption, because plots were formed on many farms and plantation lands and sold off illegally, causing losses of farms and plantation lands, and lands set aside for expansion of towns and villages were also lost in a similar manner, was discussed by U Mya Min Swe of Magway constituency 9, U Hla Oo of Sagaing Region constituency 4, Naw Chris Tun @ Dr. Arkar Moe of Kayin State constituency 7, U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency 3 and U Kyaw Kyaw Win of Rakhine State constituency 8.

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