

Questions must be at least answered verbally at Parliament, urges Mon Hluttaw Speaker

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Hluttaw Representative U Tun Min Aung (Paung-Constituency 1) asked how much the Mon State government has kept the monthly tax revenue from Long Life Company's private (sea) port at the Mon State Parliament Meeting. U Tun Htay, State Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation replied that the companies operating along the Mon State beach seaports have not provided any revenue to the State Government during this new government term.

In addition, U Tun Min Aung asked, "Which laws permit for the private companies to rent the place at the beach of Mon State? How is the state government monitoring the permitted companies? And, [we] also want to know the process of how they are taxed." With respect to the questions asked, House Speaker Daw Tin Ei urged to answer the verbally at the Parliament.

U Tun Htay, State Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation answered that along the seaport territory by Myanmar Authority Seaport, Mon State, there are no private companies operating in the area yet. Due to the state government's objection, the company now constructing in the sea-



State Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation U Tun Htay

port territory inked agreement with the state development [municipal] association continues its construction. An inspecting group is formed to inspect the products imported by the ships at the seaport in order to secure fire, and another group is also founded to negotiate for fees of ship approaching the seaports and assigned to monitor the

activities.

At the 7th day of Parliament Meeting, when the question related to budget (100 million kyat) for digging Ka-taing stream was asked, no answer was provided by the minister. Hence, the House Speaker stated the minister must provide the answer within 10 day period.

Reference: Hinthar Media

Answers not satisfied; there will be no change

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There won't be any changes as the answers provided at the Yangon Region Parliament are not satisfying, according to U Nay Myo Kyaw (aka Nay Phone Latt), Hluttaw Representative from Constituency - 1, Thingangkyun Township.

At the 9th day of the fifth regular session of Yangon Region Parliament, on

September 29, U Nay Phone Latt questioned for the roads and canals [issues] in respective townships, which must be handled and solved with new methods and new ideas.

In response to the question, U Maung Maun Soe, Minister of Yangon City Development Ministry (YCDC), said, "It is necessary to draw the project together and solve the problems. YCDC can handle the cleaning process effortlessly.

But it is a must for [everyone] to take responsibility and accountability for not having such an issue again."

"This answer is just like last time's answer. Just like this, project activities are never mentioned. Since it's not mentioned like how to do and how to implement it, but give the answers like before, there won't be any changes then," said U Nay Phone Latt.

Reference: mizzimaburmese.com

Proposal to fill vacant staff posts left recorded as region gov't have difficulty to implement

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Magway Region Parliament has recorded the proposal by the government team that the vacant staff positions [which the region government team can appoint] must be filled up as fast as possible.

At the sixth session of regular parliament meeting, the MP from Minton Township submitted the proposal and a Tatmadaw representative supported the proposal. Then, it was discussed again on September 28.

"If they[government team] can appoint the staff members for the department that it's permitted to do, this can help get rid of unemployment [rate]. If there are adequate numbers of the staff members, the staff will be happy at their workplace," said U Aye Hlaing Oo.

"Even before being discussed, the [parliament] speaker regarding the proposal said that the situation of the region government team has difficulties to implement this. Thus, it is questioned whether it's agreed to keep the proposal as recorded. And, I agree with them as well. The proposal was still kept as record, whereas the majority of the MPs discussed and supported it," said the



Photo: Magway Region Hluttaw Facebook Page

Hluttaw representative from Minton Township, who submitted the proposal.

Even though the proposal is very beneficial for the country and public, it is then only put as record due to the finance situation and great dedication to the implementation of development projects, according to Region Minister of Social Affairs from the government team.

The Social Affairs Minister continued that of the actual required number of the new staff for some government departments, only 1/3 percent of the staff members are re-appointed. Therefore, it's necessary to fill more positions and such case was submitted to the union government.

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■ Kachin State Government team, directors, and representatives from the three sectors of Kachin State parliament (Pyithu, Amyotha, and State) held a meeting on September 29, at Samartuwa Sinwanaw Hall of Kachin State Government Office.

The meeting is for the first time held during this new government term. The topics presented at the meeting are local project matters, development projects, drug cases, virgin land and vacant land case, environmental issues and transferring rice to Tanai area. In response, respective ministers provided the answers.

Reference/Source: Kyaw Oo/Facebook

■ Budget inspecting and review for Mon State Hluttaw Representatives workshop was held on September 19, at Ngwe Moe Hotel, Mawlamyine capital of Mon State.

At the meeting, the topics discussed are budget, the [practice of] budget [expense] at the state and region [parliaments], analysis of the budget gaps at the state and region [parliaments], and the points to solve the conflicts between the state and union [parliaments], according to Ko Zaw Min Htut.

Reference: The Voice Daily.

Monywa cotton gin factory case submitted to President

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With reference to the permission granted by the Ministry and Investment Commission to continue its operation, which Sagaing Region Parliament has already approved that Monywa Cotton gin factory must stop, the parliament submitted the case to the President for the final decision, according to U Thant, Sagaing Region Parliament Speaker.

Daw Aung Kyi (Monywa Constituency -1) submitted the proposal to the parliament that Monywa cotton gin factory has violated its contract rules. Hence, it must halt its operation. The approval was made on March 14, at the 6th regular session of Sagaing Region Parliament. However, the Ministry of

Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and Investment Committee permitted the factory to continue its operation. Yet, the case was submitted to the President office for the final decision whether the factory must stop or continue its operation, according to U Thant.

“The Sagaing Region Parliament approved the proposal. Nevertheless, the government team that takes the responsibility is unable to implement it. The proposal that the parliament approves to withdraw the company’s contract by the union government as the contract is violating the law. However, the Ministry and Investment Commission permitted the company to continue its operation. As a result, this has to be submitted to the president,” said U Thant.

U Thant said that the Ministry did not know the actual situation, indeed. The Ministry only looked into the company’s proposal and then permitted company to continue its operation for the benefits of the farmers. The letter issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission that the company is permitted to continue to operate was submitted to the Region Parliament in August.

The cotton gin factory’s land area is 9.78 acre wide, and there are 34 buildings, including the main factory and warehouse. The land was rent to Thein Min Industry Group Co., Ltd on July 4, 2012, by Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry and Industry and Crop Development Department (head office).

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Kayah State’s rule of law and justice sub-group presented its responsibilities

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Compromising sub-group’s responsibilities for the Kayah State’s rule of law and justice were presented at the event held at Famous Hotel, Loikaw Capital of Kayah State on September 28.

Kayah State Parliament Speaker U Hla Htwe attended the event and addressed that the majority of the law breakers are the [government] staff members. He would provide the evidence if the rule of law committee could take actions against the law violators. Otherwise, the case would be submitted to the State Counselor.

“Our staff is also made up the majority in violating the current rule of law. Those presented representatives will know about the wood [teak] issue. The [wood] is not tooth-[cleaning] sticks. So, this has to pass through several check points in order to be transferred into other states. The officers must be involved in this matter. Why I bring up this matter is that I have concrete evidence. If the department can take action against this, I will present it. If not, I will present this matter to the State Counselor,” said U Hla Htwe.



He added that the issue of illegal organizations is very huge now but everyone is telling lies.

The main natural resources from Kayah State are wood [teak] and mineral but illegally operated by the foreign businesspeople. Consequently, only the

foreign businesspeople gain the profits but not the public.

Jury officers, government and Hlutaw representatives and representatives from civil society organizations were presented at the event.

Reference: news-eleven.com