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Mon State Government Gives Account of 2018-19 Budget Allocation

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Mon State Government gave account of 2018-19 budget allocation to officers of government departments and the public at the state hall on 22 October.

Chief Minister Dr Aye Zan said that the tax money from the people was used for works that truly benefitted Mon State, for economic development, for the uplift of the standard of living, for the fulfillment of the needs of the people, and the development of the state.

Mon State has a budget of 24.293 billion kyats for 2018-19 and estimated expenses of 103.973 billion kyats.

Mon State Government set 19 priority projects for fiscal year 2018-19 among which were development of roads and transportation, electrification, and development of rural and urban areas.

The people who attended the meeting gave suggestions on taxes especially to raise awareness of taxes to grassroots levels and to collect taxes more extensively.

The Minister of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Population, U Wanna Kyaw, said people can inquire about finance at the state government offices and the Department of Budget if they have further inquiries.

Reference: <http://www.7daydaily.com>



Photo : U Chang Dang Hken's Facebook

Kachin Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee Meets the People

August 10, 2018

Kachin Hluttaw Joint Bill Law Committee led the initiatives to meet and explain the local people about the enforcement and observance of promulgated laws and the rights provided in the Schedule II of the Constitution.

The public meeting was held in Myitkyina township, Waimaw township, Nammatee township and Moekaung township from 1st to 10th of August, 2018.

The attendees were given books on laws making and law-making processes. The chairman of the Committee said that people should give time and participate more in such activities.

Reference: [U Chang Dang Hken's Facebook](#) (Chairman of Joint Bill Committee)

Question on Yangon Government's Account of Public Funds (Part -2)



Photo : Yangon Region Hluttaw Facebook Page

(Continued from previous week)

The Yangon Government spent 5 billion kyats from the fund transferred to it from Ma Hta Tha buying school buses.

The Yangon government borrowed additional 5.5 billion from Kanbawza Bank because the fund was not sufficient. 200 school buses were purchased from Hyungdai Company Ltd, costing 36,840 USD for each bus.

However, only 56 out of 200 cars are in use for two schools and the rest are parked in the Hluttaw compound.

Some MPs claimed that the necessary loan to buy buses for YBS and school buses was taken by a certain person from two private banks.

Some political analysts as well as MPs said further that taking the loan by one's own account without the approval of the Hluttaw amounts to violating the laws prescribed in the Constitutions.

At the Hluttaw, Minister Daw Nilar Kyaw answered that she did not know about the loan in detail and that only the finance in-charge could fully explain the matter.

After the National League for Democracy (NLD) took over the administration, Yangon-Kannar night market was opened on 23rd November 2016 with 1,600 street vendors. The night market was intended for street vendors from Latha street and streets in the vicinity of Sule. 1,800 million kyats was spent for the project.

Yangon night market is one of the unsuccessful projects of Yangon government, incurring a great loss to the taxpayer's money.

"Although 1,800 million kyats was used for the night market, when I actually inspect and see the night market for myself, I couldn't understand why such an amount was spent. We want the municipal officers to give the detailed account of 1,800 million to Hluttaw as

soon as possible", said MP U Yan Shin of Mayangon Township, Constituency-1.

Yangon government's economy of increased tax and a debt of 134 billion. The Yangon government has spent 134 billion for its economic activities.

In addition, the government took loans of 8 billion from Ayeyarwaddy Bank to buy buses for YBS and 5,500 million from Kanbawza Bank to buy school buses. Altogether, the government has spent about 200 billion for its economic activities.

Not only the loans but also 134 billion invested elsewhere was not openly reported to the regional Hluttaw.

The financial report recently released by the Auditor General has not been discussed at length and in detail.

The Auditor General Daw Khin Than Hla spoke at the Hluttaw that she was able to do audit only as an external audit as the government's economic activities were undertaken under the form of a company. However, if she were given the mandate to audit in accordance with the rules and regulations of Union Auditor General law, she would conduct the audit again.

If a more detailed account than the current one is to be obtained, respective regional and state governments should authorize the auditor general.

If the government breaches financial regulations, the Hluttaw has no responsibility to repay debt taken by an individual, MPs said when the financial report was discussed at Hluttaw.

It must be ensured that cases where public fund is not used for development but for repayment of debt do not happen.

(To Be Continued)

Reference: Extracted from Zaw Min Naing's "Yangon government's account of public funds to be questioned on the basis of the report of Auditor General", published by Weekly Eleven News, No.50, Vol 13.



Photo : Magwe Region Hluttaw Facebook Page

People Will be Able to See Construction Facts and Figures

October 4, 2018

Instructions will be given to companies that won tender to build public infrastructures such as roads, bridges, and schools and government departments to provide facts and figures of construction to MPs and journalists, said U Kyi Hlaing, the Minister of Electricity and Energy of Tanintharyi Region at Hluttaw meeting on 24th September.

Construction companies will be made to include the names of materials to be used as well as the quality grade of such materials in their tender contracts, said U Kyi Hlaing.

If such instructions were out the public would be able to see not only the exact kinds of cement, zinc, wood and sand to be used in the constructions but also whether contractors are responsible for building detours, in cases of building roads and bridges.

Currently, MPs can inspect constructions only when projects are nearly completed, or totally completed. Contractors usually purposely delay, by giving various excuses, to give information and facts about the construction to MPs. These make ensuring quality work and adherence to terms and conditions of contracts extremely ineffective, assert MPs.

“Since we do not have the agreed terms and conditions entailed in the contract, inspecting construction works looks like we’re doing it for show only”, commented U Bo Htwe, an MP from Long Lone Constituency.

Reference: www.daweivatch.com

MPs Said Lack of Cooperation among Ministries Causing Financial Loss

Oct 11, 2018

The region [Magwe] is losing people’s money because cooperation between ministries is weak, said U Zaw Win, an MP from Kanma Township.

The MP said this in response to question at Hluttaw whether the government has plans to encourage cooperation among ministries, departments and concerned groups in implementing projects in the region.

“For example, the Forestry Department plant trees along the street. The Road Transport Administration Department cuts them to widen roads. The incurred costs for both planting and cutting are a waste of tax payers’ money”, said U Zaw Win to Hluttaw.

Furthermore, the government ministries are in the habit of deciding projects alone without transparency,

negotiation with other ministries and departments and MPs.

The Minister of Planning, Finance, and Municipality of Magwe said in response that the government included representatives from different ministries in forming committees and instructed them to hold weekly or monthly meetings.

In addition, in townships, instructions were given to the General Administration Department to lead Ward and Village Administrators and staff officers to hold meeting twice a month and three times a month from November and December forward.

The Minister continued that it’s true that the people’s participation and knowledge of projects is weak. In order to prevent this, in the future, MPs, the Department of Budget, the Ministries of Health, Education and Irrigation will be encouraged to attend planning sessions.

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