



State and Region Parliaments

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Photo : Yangon Region Hluttaw

Yangon MPs Demand to Convene Special Hluttaw Session

Yangon Region MPs have criticized the government for not giving them complete access to 2017-2018 financial report by Yangon's auditor general office and demanded that a special hluttaw session be convened soonest.

Some MPs are collecting signatures to request the Speaker to open a special hluttaw session to discuss the much criticized report.

In previous years, MPs could read auditor general's report. However, this year they will be able to read and discuss the report only after Public Accounts Committee Report comes out.

MPs have requested in signing in the first week of December that the report be discussed no later than

December.

All ten members of Hluttaw Finance, Planning, and Economic Committee signed in request for convening the hluttaw session, according to U Kyaw Zaya, the committee's secretary.

Possible Consequences

Yangon Regional Hluttaw session was closed at the end of September.

An MP for Seik Gyi Kanaungto Township, Daw Sandar Min posted on her Facebook page that she thanked the MPs for asking the Hluttaw to convene soon and that she would quit the course she is currently taking abroad to attend the hluttasession .

"I have prepared as best I can to

discuss about the report," she wrote on her Facebook page.

U Hla Htay, an MP for Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Constituency (1), said, "The hluttaw session is scheduled to be held on January 26. Matters that need to be discussed urgently are auditor general's report, municipal laws, and amendments to that law. Without some amendments, certain work cannot be continued."

Recently, Yangon Region Government's lease of government-own land at a much lower rate than the going market rate, the YBS issues and new Yangon city project have been hotly debated by MPs in the Hluttaw.

Reference: <https://myanmar-now.org>, www.mizzimaburmese.com



Photo : Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Facebook Page

Recommendations for Constitutional Amendment May Be Sent in: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has informed States and Regions chief ministers and speakers that they may send their recommendations for constitutional amendments if they have any.

“The state hluttaw was informed in writing that recommendations to the draft bills submitted by parties and groups to amend, add revoke the provisions of the constitution can be sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, said Deputy Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Khan Lin.

He continued, “It is basically a request for what the attitudes of the MPs are and what clauses of the constitution the government and hluttaw want to amend, add or repeal.”

Therefore, on November 13, Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker U Tun Tin Oo led a coordination meeting to collect recommendations to the report of 45-member Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Charter Amendment Committee and would reply to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within days.

“Ethnic nationality parties do not reject the NLD party’s recommendation for constitutional changes. They replied that they agreed on the proposal, meaning they support the motion,” U Khan Lin said about the outcome of the meeting.

Speaker of Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw U Khin Maung Aye said that he had received the letter from Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw but as he had not had meeting with MPs he could not reply to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw yet.

“MPs are meeting the people in their constituencies. So we haven’t sat down and discussed. It looks like we have to send at least one or two recommendations,” he said.

The chief minister of Tanintharyi Region, on the other hand, said that he had sent his recommendation. “I just sent my recommendations a few days ago. Nothing special really. The recommendation by the Charter Amendment Committee is more complete.”

Yangon Region Hluttaw has also received the letter from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw but the MPs haven’t met and thus haven’t replied, according to Yangon Region Hluttaw Draft Bill Committee Chairman U Thein Myint.

Fourteen parties in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have put forward 3,765 recommendations to amend, add, or repeal clauses in the constitution. The 45-member committee is currently drafting amendment bills based on the recommendations.

In drafting the amendment bill recommendations from the union government, the judiciary, chief ministers of states and regions, speakers of hluttaws, ministers of ethnic affairs, ministers of self-administered zones and regions, representatives from ethnic nationalities and legal experts must be sought after, said the committee’s secretary Dr. Myat Nyanna Soe.

Reference: <https://7daydaily.com>

Shan State Hluttaw to Hold 17th Regular Session

December 2, 2019

The seventeenth regular session of the second Shan State Hluttaw will convene on December 16.

“The hluttaw will open on December 16. It will open for about 4 days. About 4 bills will be put forward. As usual, it is open in order that the chief justice’s report, draft bills by the Draft Bill Committee and the government’s report can be submitted to the hluttaw,” Shan State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Sao Aung Myat told Kambawza Times.

The sixteenth regular session of the second Shan State Hluttaw was held from September 17 to 24, during which 28 MPs asked 59 starred questions, two motions were approved and three draft bills check again

In the term of the second Shan State Hluttaw, 16 regular sessions, 4 emergency sessions and 1 special session – a total of 21 sessions – have been held and 56 motions discussed, 882 starred questioned asked and answered.

Reference: www.kanbawzainews.com

24 Unanswered Questions Won’t Go down Drain: Mon State Hluttaw Speaker

September 27, 2019

During the fourteenth regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw, state MPs put forward 49 questions, of which the government said it would answer only 25 of them. Mon State Hluttaw Speaker Daw Tin Ei has said that the remaining 24 questions won’t go down the drain.

“When the hluttaw questions the government, it doesn’t intend to give the government troubles. If the government needs more time to check on the work on the ground, the hluttaw is willing to move the session to another date,” said Daw Tin Ei.

She continued, “Even if the government doesn’t answer the questions, the questions won’t just go away. They must answer the questions. We can move the session to a time when they are ready to answer. Even if the government doesn’t answer them, it won’t hurt the people. The questions won’t be wasted.”

The Mon State Government sent a notice to the hluttaw on September 17 that it would answer only 25 questions, and that the government departments would not have enough time to answer all the questions, so they would be able to answer them only in the next hluttaw session.

That the questions did not reach the government within 10 days and that the government was unable to answer them is a legal dispute. According to the hluttaw by-law, it



is only mentioned that it must be sent to the hluttaw speaker 10 days before, said MP U Zaw Zaw Htoo of Pawn Township, constituency-2.

Upon the government’s notice, the state hluttaw said on September 18 that the hluttaw session would open on September 30 for the remaining 24 questions. However, the government insisted on September

24 that it would answer the questions only in the next hluttaw session.

This is the first time the government has requested to answer the questions in the next hluttaw session during the second Mon State Hluttaw term. This did not happen in the first hluttaw term.

Reference: Hinthar Media