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Tanintharyi Parliament's repeated questions answered 4 months after

September 4, 2017

The answer to the repeated questions asked at the Tanintharyi Parliament was only provided by minister after four months, according to the Hluttaw representatives who asked the questions.

At the four regular meeting of Tanintharyi Region Parliament, on March 30, Kyunsu Township representative Dr. Htoo Nay Aung asked questions regarding the long term sustainability of Pahtaw Hill and Pahtet Hill.

The Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation minister U Myint San, who is from the government side, answered the question. However, it was not a satisfied answer. As a result, the minister clarified 6 points of the earlier question, and this was responded that the minister would provide the answer by letter [mailing]. But, the answers in the letter dated August 9 that is, four months after the questions were still vague similar to the former answers.

The questions were whether the

businesses operating on the mountains are illegal or not; whether the reckless demolition of the hills by some businesses are illegal or not and how actions are going to be taken against them if they violated the rules.

"Since the questions included subjects on the demolitions of Pahtaw and Pahtet hills, it is highly surmised that (taking that much times in answering the questions by the minister) the business men are given time to for preparations", said Dr. Htoo Nay Aung.

On the other hand, the Minister U Myint San stated that the answers were delayed because respective departments, in order to provide complete answers, had to do field investigation which was followed by follow-up verifications as the facts on the reports of initial investigations were not complete.

"I myself did the field visits and tried the best to be able to answer as fast as possible despite the constraints mentioned above", said the Minister U Myint San.

Reference: Dawei Watch

Gov't Office's supplementary fund was second highest requested fund

September 7, 2017

The Tanintharyi Region Parliament's sixth regular meeting, held at August 28, decided that the supplementary fund for 2017-2018 fiscal year with the amount over 10,000 million [Kyat] would be requested from the financial commission.

There are 24 departments and 15 out of 24 departments have requested for the supplementary funding. Of the requested departments, the request from the regional government office is second largest (in amount) according to the U Phyo Win Tun, Minister of Planning and Finance.

Of over 10, 000 million Kyat for the supplementary fund, the regional government office requested for 4,000 million Kyat, which is over 30% of the whole fund requested for the entire region.

According to the Minister U Phyo Win Tun during his address at the Parliament, it is learned that the review committee, led by the region's chief minister, considers several principles when they made decisions on the allocation of supplementary fund such as development of townships equally, the needs of the people in the region and realization of parliamentary promises and pledges and so on.

The supplementary fund is the fund mandated by the Laws of Supplementary Allocation by which supplementary fund is additional fund allocated only for the essential expenses.

Reference: Dawei Watch

MPs should point out only after making study, says Mon Chief Minister

September 13, 2017

The Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan warned the MPs to study the cases first before having discussions. He gave this remarks as he responded to the MPs' discussions regarding on the allocations of additional budget of Mon State's 2017-2018 financial year.

"Is it allocated as per the population? Is it allotted by the development (objectives)? Or by the education and health? Allocated on which criteria? The highest amount, 3,395 million Kyat goes for Mawlamyine, while the lowest amount, 253 million is for Paung Township," said Representative U Zaw Zaw Htoo (Paung constituency -2).

The Chief Minister responded that it is not the government that drew (initiate) the budget. It prepares the budget by adjusting the demand of the township and the policies. If the questions are posed without study, there will always be issues of delayed questions.

"So, please attend the meeting of project commission held at the township. The approved matters are included in the budget as in the policy of NLD [National League for Democracy]. A single things



Photo : Hinthar Media

done recklessly without having policies. Please, note the fact that we are doing as per our election manifesto," said the Chief Minister.

Representative U Aung Kyaw Thu (Thaton Township constituency- 2) insisted that, "the Chief Minister spoke out about the difficulties that the state

government is being faced. However, according to the parliamentary by laws article 148 of chapter 14, it is the state government that has to prepare the budget that is to be allocated by the union and presents it to the Hluttaw by convening the meeting.

Reference: www.burmese.bnionline.net

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Questions on water area of pearl cultivation to be submitted to Union Parliament if necessary

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The Tarnintharyi Region Parliament would contact the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw as it believed that inspection was needed to check whether the location and area allocated by the State for the pearl farming companies in the Kyunsu Township, according to U Toe Lwin, (Kyunsu constituency -1) representative of Tarnintharyi Region Parliament. The pearl farming industries are given permission directly by the union.

U Toe Lwin said that the answers responded by the planning and finance minister to questions concerned with the water area of pearl farming industries in the Kyunsu Township, on August 31, at the regional parliament meeting, were found inconsistent.

"Regarding this inconsistencies, we have discussed and negotiated with the minister informally. We are going to forward the questions to Ahmyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw if we consider it is necessary," said U Toe Lwin.

Reference: *Dawei Watch*

Photo News

Three days long “Parliamentary Supportive Communication and Technical Training” given by Yone Kyi Yar Knowledge Propagation Association in coordination with Mandalay Regional Hluttaw, September 13-15.

(Reference: 7 Day Daily/ Photo-Yone Kyi Yar)



Mon Parliament approves the proposal of moving rubber factories away from the public areas

September 11, 2017

Mon State Parliament approved the proposal of transferring the rubber factories to the areas away from the travelers and residential areas, at its 7th regular meeting on September 8.

The proposal was presented by Daw Mya Theingi Maw (Mudon constituency -1), and five Hluttaw representatives discussed over the proposal. With no objections from any Hluttaw representatives, the Hluttaw then approved it.

According to the Mon State’s Government, the four rubber factories namely Fu Shin, Fuli Light, Shwe Myanmar, and High Win were found out not in line with the guidelines concerning with waste ponds, waste system and

raw material storage facilities. As a result, the state’s environment conservation department is instructed to check them in order to be in line with the guidelines.

The factories are, at the moment, temporarily closed, and provided the factories did not follow the rules of environmental management, they would be shut down, according to U Saw Aung Myint Khaing, minister of Mon State’s Karen Ethnic Affairs.

“It’s ready to close down these rubber factories if it does not follow the government’s environmental plan, the EMP (Environmental Management Program). Any new factories that will be built in the future must also apply the EMP,” said the Chief Minister.

Reference - Mon News Agency (MNA)



Polluted waters waste from rubber factory. (Photo : MNA)

Short News

■ At the 7th regular meeting of Mon State Parliament held on September 12, Women and Child Rights Committee is formed. Daw Khaing Khaing Leh, the chairperson of the committee presented the functions, the authorities and rights of the Committee, and then took the approval of the Hluttaw. The committee is comprised of State Hluttaw representatives, state-level senior officers from Office of Justice, Attorney General’s Office, Social Welfare Office, Anti-trafficking Police Force, Department of Investigation of factory and labor law, the Mawlamyine University and representatives from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Reference: www.monhluttaw.com and Khaing Khaing Leh/facebook

■ Bago Region Parliament Legislative Committee and Agriculture, Livestock, Farmers and farmland Affairs Committee conducted a hearing and reviews with fishers on the freshwater fishery law at the region’s legislative Hall, from September 11 to 14.

Reference: Zin Moe Hteik/Facebook

■ It is learned from the Yangon Municipal Committee that the municipal election will only be held in early 2018 as Municipal Committee’s preparation of Municipal Election Bylaws will be done in November of this year. The Municipal Law is being prepared by regional MPs and 50 members of municipal committee.

Reference: The Voice Daily