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Yangon Hluttaw Decides Regional Projects Can Be Proceeded Only After Getting Greenlight from Hluttaw



Photo: Yangon Hluttaw Facebook

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Yangon Region Hluttaw decided that only after having the permission from the Hluttaw, regional projects, which the government team will in detail explain, can be then launched.

At the Yangon Region Hluttaw Conference held on March 23, nine MPs, including Hluttaw Finance, Project and Economics Committee members, had discussion over the draft of the regional projects for 6 month duration from April to September, 2018, submitted by the government team, and then they approved the decision as stated above.

The regional project draft presented to the Hluttaw by the government team has the factors including the projects' objectives, investment structures, investment amount, and the benefits for the people. And, the draft should be only approved after MPs had discussions over it, according to Daw Sandar Min, chairwoman of Regional Hluttaw, Finance, Projects and Economics Committee.

Respective members of the regional level team gave explicit explanation per the factors discussed by the Hluttaw representatives. Following the decisions by the Hluttaw, the draft and its appendix 1 and 2 were then approved.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

400 Starred Questions Asked During 2nd Term of Shan State Hluttaw

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61 Shan State Hluttaw representatives raised 400 starred questions during this over 2-year period of the second term of Shan State Hluttaw.

Hluttaw Speaker Sai Lone Sang mentioned about as stated above, during his opening speech at the ninth regular Hluttaw conference held on March 26.

“Just like there is one MP could ask up to such a number of starred questions at every Hluttaw conference, there are also MPs who have not asked any question,” said Hluttaw Speaker Sai Long Sang.

Sai Long Sang added that it is important for Shan State MPs not to interfere in administration projects in legislative process.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Photo News



Kachin Hluttaw Bill Committee Is Screening the Farmland Tax Bill Presented by the State Government Group.

(Reference: Chen Dang HKen MP)

Regional Projects Under Implementation Will not Be Presented at Mandalay Hluttaw

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MP Dr. Nyi Min Han raised a question, at the ninth regular conference of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, whether there are any plan to submit to the Hluttaw to get approval for the projects being implemented in the region.

In response to the question by Dr. Nyi Min Han, from Aung Myay Thar Zan Constituency-1, as stated above on March 23 at the Hluttaw Conference, U Myat Thu said that the current projects are what were approved by the last U Thein Sein Government and the current government has not agreed for any new projects yet, although the respective company representatives have so far come to observe for the projects, and the government has not agreed for any new project yet.

The objective of asking the questions is that by presenting with transparency at the Hluttaw, the government would be then able to collect suitable amount of the tax, it would help minimize the corruptions and mismanagement and help estimate the projects' impacts, according to Dr. Nyi Min Han.

In the Mandalay Region, there are urban projects including New Mandalay Resort City Project, Myothar Industry Park Project, Amarapura Urban (Shan Kalay Island) Development Project and Taungthaman Thitsar Resort Project.

Reference: 7daydaily.com

Important Projects Will be Presented to Hluttaw, Says Tarnintharyi Gov't

March 18, 2018

The Tarnintharyi Region government's projects, including important projects, will be presented to Hluttaw to have discussions and negotiations over them, according to U Phyo Win Tun, the Minister of Planning and Finance.

In an interview with 7Day Daily, the Minister U Phyo Win Tun, said as above, and that Hluttaw representatives of the National League

for Democracy (NLD) wanted to have decisions from constitutional tribunal for the arguments between the government and Hluttaw on whether it's necessary to submit the projects must be presented to Hluttaw.

"Now, it seems like the Government team comes to Hluttaw and forces for the approval of the projects. It is not like they never have to present about the projects before. But now, whether it should be brought to

tribunal is put on hold and we are keeping eyes on it," said Hluttaw Speaker.

However, the government group has so far failed to present to Hluttaw about the New Kyaukpyar City Projects, which include Tha-yat Chaung Ngar-lay-lan Market and development zone projects in Myeik Township, according to the Hluttaw Speaker.

Reference: 7daydaily.com



U Myint Maung, Tarnintharyi Region's minister of natural resources and environmental preservation.

(Photo: Kyaw Lwin Oo/RFA)

National Park Project and Indigenous Peoples' Concerns

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Field work will be conducted in order not to have local people's orchard and plantation included in the area of Lay Nyar National Park and Tarnintharyi National Park territory recognition as the projects have already been approved by the Tarnintharyi Region Hluttaw.

U Myint Maung, the Region's Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Preservation, stated as above during Hluttaw Conference

on March 29.

Hluttaw representative U Ye Myint Swe questioned at the Hluttaw Conference how environmental preservation projects would be implemented for the prevention of causing harms on the indigenous people's community when the proposed Lay Nyar National Park and Tarnintharyi National Park are constructed

The parks were recognized by Forestry Ministry in 2002, and part of the Tarnintharyi National Park, in

Tarnintharyi Township, over 14,000 population and 42 villages were on the land. At the Lay Nyar National Park, there would be 13 villages and this left the indigenous people with great worry since there would be their orchards and plantations and villages included on the land.

Thus far, there have been only at the stage of inspection and 5 land revenues on the two park lands, according to the minister of natural resources and environmental conservation. *Reference: www.rfa.org*

Jade tax reaches over 50 billion Kyat

March 30, 2018

The government collected tax revenue of over 50 billion Kyat from jade mining in LonKin Yadanar land in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, from 2014 to February, 2018, according to U H La Aung, the Kachin State Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

On March 28, at the State Hluttaw Conference, MP U Dar Shi La Sai, from Hpakant Township, raised the question on whether those transporting the jade by several types of trucks are legal or illegal and regarding annual tax revenue. Minister U Hla Aung responded that 55547.349 million Kyat are collected as tax allocated for the country's tax revenue.

The companies that have annual licenses issued by the government have to present their raw jades to respective jade-pricing groups and get registered there and provide gem tax. After providing the tax, the companies would be then able to carry the jades but by vehicles [trucks] that are allowed by the state's Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation Ministry. With security permission from North Command Headquarters, they could then transport them to Nay Pyi Taw and Myitkyina, according to U H La Aung.

Reference: www.rfa.org/burmese

Short News

■ A proposal submitted on March 22 to Chin State Hluttaw to recognize February 20 as Chin National Day and a public holiday in the State was approved, but it's still waiting to be finally recognized and implemented by the state government, according to the MP Bu Thannak Khot, representative from Tedim Township.

Reference: thevoicemyanmar.com, www.chinworld.info

■ Upon the proposal by MP U Sai Lon, of Mai Kai Township Constituency and Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) at the seventh regular conference of Shan State Hluttaw "to recognize February 7 as Shan State Day and make it public holiday since the day has been historically important for Myanmar's independence," votes were cast at the Hluttaw, but it was unsuccessful with only one vote loss.

Reference: www.burmese.shannews.org