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Dr Zaw Myint Maung Urged MPs to Consult with Party Regarding Regional Development Works

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The NLD lawmakers from Mandalay Region should consult with the party regarding regional development works, Chief Minister of Mandalay Dr Zaw Myint Maung, urged in a meeting with Mandalay Region Government and MPs, held at Yunan Chinese Monastery on July 5.

"I'm urging you to consult with the party regarding regional development works in the remaining time of the term. Do I make myself clear? Consult with the party!," Dr Zaw Myint Maung said.

Development works should bring benefits to the people, and they should be in accordance with financial rules and regulations, he added.

Instead of following the former procedure of reporting by the departments under the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the MPs and the party should consider together which projects are priorities and which would most benefit the people. After deliberation, it should be reported to the regional government, Dr Zaw Myint Maung said.

Since such projects are to be funded by the regional budget, the regional government is entitled to it, and the MPs should propose them as soon as possible, he continued.

In the current fiscal year, over 2.7 billion Kyats was spent for regional development. 270 billion kyats has been approved by the Hluttaw for the next budget year.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

CLD Lawmaker Criticizes: Township Supplementary Budget Allocated Unfairly

July 8, 2019

A supplementary budget of 17.28 billion kyats for Chin State from the Union Government that was allocated more for constituencies belonged to ministers without the knowledge of lawmakers totally is unfair, criticized MP U Aung Lian of Chin League for Democracy.

According to the instruction of the union government, the fund was given for the public, but what seems to be happening is that ministers are allocating funds to certain places with the 2020 election in mind, he pointed out.

The Speaker allocated more budgets to constituencies in Thantlang and Hakha, saying it was the vice-presidents' instruction, but when we requested funds for other townships, he said he wasn't instructed, he contended.

Chin State Cabinet and the Speaker were involved in drawing up supplementary budget, and that budget allocation could depend on the number of people and how



MP U Aung Lian of Chin League for Democracy

large a constituency is, responded U Soe Htet, Chin State Minister of Development.

Since there was disagreement in the hluttaw over the budget allocation by the state government, a head-count

vote was taken, but only 3 MPs objected. "Budget allocation for the 9 townships in Chin State is not fair at all," maintained U Aung Lian.

Reference: *Chin World*



Mon State Speaker Outlines Hluttaw's Performance

June 14, 2019

Mon State Hluttaw Speaker Daw Tin Ei outlined the Hluttaw's performance in a special Hluttaw session (1/2019) on June 14.

Out of 414 questions posed in the regular and special meetings of the second Hluttaw, 239 were made pledges. 60.67 percent of the pledges have been implemented. 46 motions were submitted in the 13 meetings and 38 were approved, and 44.74 percent have been implemented.

Accomplishments on 239 pledges made from questions have been varied: over 50 percent by the Chief Minister/Mon State Government, 58.06 percent by the Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, 57.14 percent by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation,

42.86 percent by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, 75 percent by the Ministry of Electricity, Energy and Industry, 73.17 percent by the Ministry of Social Affairs, and 66.67 percent by the Ministry of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Human Resources.

Accomplishment by the Ministry of Municipality and Construction has been 50 percent. The Ministry of Burmese Ethnic Affairs answered a question, which has been implemented, reaching 100 percent accomplishment.

Implementations on 38 approved motions have been 40 percent by the Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, 41 percent by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation, 60 percent by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, 16.67 percent by the

Ministry of Electricity, Energy and Industry, 40 percent by the Ministry of Social Affairs, 33.33 percent by the Ministry of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Human Resources, and 66.67 percent by the Ministry of Municipality and Construction.

Beginning in May, Mon State Hluttaw started working on the statistics of the number of pledges and approved motions. The work was done in cooperation with parliamentary staff and staff officers of the Committee for Pledges, Mon State Government and departmental officials. The figure presented was checked by both pillars of the executive and the legislature also acknowledged that the work was done transparently, the Speaker claimed.

Reference: <http://www.monhluttaw.com>

More Ministries of Immigration and Human Resources Set up and Ministers Appointed

July 16, 2019

The following ministers have been appointed for the new ministries of immigration and human resources: MP U Aung Kyi (Kyaukse Constituency-2) during Mandalay Hluttaw special meeting held in the second week of July, U Tun Tun Oo (Paungte Constituency-2) by Bago Region

Hluttaw emergency meeting, U Tun Min Aung (Paung Constituency - 1) by Mon State Hluttaw emergency meeting, and U Min Ko Khaing (Kawkareik Constituency - 2) by Karen State Hluttaw emergency meeting. The chosen ministers all hold chairmanship in a range of hluttaw committees.

Observers have noted that the

NLD government is implementing a "thitsar program", and is extending the ministry of immigration and human resources to efficiently issue national verification cards and family registration forms to students, local residents, workers from factories and companies and migrant workers.

Reference: collected from various sources

Tender for Htantabin and Hlegu Industrial Garden City Projects Should Be Selected Only After Yangon Region Hluttaw's Approval

July 11, 2019

It has been known that two companies from Hong Kong and Singapore have been selected for the contract for Htantabin and Hleku Industrial Garden City project, and that the selection should be done only after the Yangon Region Hluttaw has approved it, said MP U Thet Tun Win (Botahtaung Constituency-2), in a hluttaw meeting held on July 10.

"Does it mean that other companies, aside from the two, have no chance to compete in the tender? According to tendering process, companies should be selected only when the hluttaw has approved. But now, it looks like the two companies have already won tender even before it is open," he added.

In order to successfully implement an industrial garden city project, it is not enough to have just secured agreement with farmers, but other factors must be considered. Yangon Region has 1500 mega watt of electricity which will be further distributed for rural electrification and lighting up streets. The electricity would not be enough if it was to be used for Htantabin and Hlegu Industrial City, he continued.

Contractors should thoroughly assess feasibility of constructing roads and bridges, water and electricity infrastructures and drainages, and only when a third party monitors the investment fulltime, accurate



Photo : Yangon Region Government

GDP figures would be obtained for the country, he noted.

Regarding the industrial garden city project, the Minister for Karen Nationality Affairs, Naw Pan Thinzar Myo put forward the motion on July

3 in the second Yangon Region Hluttaw session on behalf of Yangon Region Government, and the motion was discussed by five lawmakers on July 10.

Reference: *The Myanmar Times Daily*

MPs Criticize Shan State Government Budget Allocation

July 11, 2019

Shan State Government's budget allocation and distribution is unfair, criticized Shan State MP U Sai Hla Win (Mong Pyin Constituency- 2).

The criticism was made over the list of projects in the proposal for 2019-2020 fiscal budget which were to be carried out with the forward funding by the Union Government. It was mentioned in the records of the Shan State Hluttaw Project and Budget Securitization Committee that there was 26.875 billion kyats

for regional development.

The projects to be carried out by the government include electricity distribution, projects by six departments and construction of an overpass in Taunggyi. Projects such as upgrading city roads and repairing border gates are included in the project list while more urgent needs such as construction of rural roads and bridges aren't, commented U Sai Hla Win.

"Union Minister of Planning has made it very clear in his instructions. I understand that this new fund of

26.875 billion kyats is actually for the real developmental needs of people in rural areas. But now it's not fair at all," he said.

We welcome what MP U Sai Hla Win pointed out, said U Soe Nyunt Lwin, the Minister of Shan State Planning and Finance. "It's not actually like what you said, that it's unfair. We've distributed budget fairly. We've put into consideration both the needs of cities and rural areas," said U Soe Nyunt Lwin.

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