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A state-level public meeting was held to formulate a draft bill on agricultural saving and loans for farmers at Kayah State Hall on July 26, 2019.

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Shan State Electricity Draft Bill Submitted to Shan State Hluttaw

July 29, 2019

The Shan National League for Democracy (SNLD) has submitted Shan State electricity draft bill to Shan State Hluttaw. This could bring much more benefits to the people, said MP U Sai Lin Myat (Mong Hsu - 2), who submitted the draft bill.

The aim of the draft bill is for Shan State to obtain the right to build sustainable small hydropower plants, instead of building huge dams that could harm the environment in resource-rich Shan State. The draft bill has been passed to the hluttaw office, and the Draft Bill Committee has agreed to hold a discussion on it, and Shan State Government has also received a copy, according to U Sai Lin Mvat.

Remarks from the Union Government on the draft bill would be obtained, according to an official of Shan

State Government.

"We haven't heard any remarks yet. We are preparing to ask the hluttaw when it'd give its remarks or why it had been delayed," added U Sai Lin Myat. The draft bill contains 10 chapters with 34 articles. Continued discussion would be held and approval obtained in the second Shan State Hluttaw meeting, said U Sai Lin Myat.

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











President Reminds MPs Not to Question beyond Their Mandates



President U Win Myint arrives to meet Mandalay City Government officials. (Photo: Kaung Zaw Hein/MPA)

August 3, 2019

The president has reminded MPs of Mandalay Region not to question beyond their mandates and not to propose impossible motions, according to MP U Tin Aung. The president said thus in a meeting with the Mandalay Region's executive, the judiciary and the legislative.

"Lawmakers should carry out

their responsibilities competently and the hluttaw should play its role. Motions that urge the Union Government to do things shouldn't be proposed. For motions that concern the Union, we have Phyidaungsu Hluttaw. Tell MPs of Amyotha Hluttaw to do that. Regional hluttaws proposing motions that concern Union matters are doing so outside the constitutional mandate."

"The president also reminded MPs not to put forward motions that cannot be materialized. It's useless to propose something simply a particular group is a majority when the government cannot carry it out. The government also should say openly when things cannot be undertaken even if the motions were approved," recounted U Tin Aung.

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Compensation to Be Paid to Affected People Along Katha-Banmaw Railroad

August 5, 2019

A request has been made for compensation to be paid to 24 landowners from wards in Katha Township and 49 farmers on whose lands the Katha-Banmaw railway passed through, according to MP U Nyi Nyi Tun.

In the Sagaing Region Hluttaw meeting, U Nyi Nyi Tun questioned the Sagaing Region Government whether it had given compensation to people who were left out in the first compensation made in the construction of Katha-Banamaw railway in 2007-08, and the Minister of Sagaing Region Electricity, Industry and Transportation, U

Than Nyunt Win responded that the matter was under process.

The fund for the compensation had been requested to Central Land Management Committee. If granted, compensation would be given out in 2019-2020 fiscal budget year. 59,600,000 kyats for 24 land owners for their urban land (3.787 acres) and compensation for 49 farmers for their farmland (99.41 acres) have been requested by Katha Township and District farmland management committee. When the Central Committee approved it, compensation could be made, said the minister.

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Eighth Field Visit of Shan State Hluttaw Promotion of Education, Health, Women and Children Affairs Committee

July 23, 2019

For their eighth field visit, Shan State Hlutaw Promotion of Education, Health, Women and Children Affairs Committee went to Namhsan Township in Loilem District in the fourth week of July, according to the Committee's Secretary, MPU Aye Min Soe (Ywangan – 1).

"We'll present our findings from field visits and meetings with people on educational needs to the hluttaw so that it can work on fulfilling these needs, U Aye Min Soe told Kanbawza Times.

From July 23 to 27, according to field visit plan, a team comprising of MPs Daw Nang Khin Htar Yee, Daw Nang Khaung Kham, U Sai Lone, U Zaw Tun, U Aye Min Soe and one military representative visited government offices and villages and observed children learning.

Thanks to the 7th field visit report, which was given to the second Shan State Hluttaw, on two cases

of juvenile rape and human trafficking that happened in Tanyan Township and Lashio in northern Shan State and its reports on education, health and living conditions of people in Mong Kai and Moe Nae Townships in southern Shan State and Mong Hpyak, Mong Khet and Mong Yawng Townships in eastern Shan State, the state government was able to respond to the needs in good speed, according to the committee.

Reference: https://www.kanbawzatainews.com

MPs Protest Chinese Factory Run by Coals

July 31, 2019

MPs have protested to a Chinese factory run by coals in Pinlenar Village, Kin Myauk Village Tract, Kyaukphyu Township, which makes crispies from fish meat. The protest came over concerns of harms that could cause to the people and environment.

Since Kyaukphyu Township has access to electricity, running the factory with coals was protested, according to MP U Phoe San from Kyaukphyu Township. "The whole world knows the negative impacts of coals. People know about the 13 bad consequences. Besides, a foreign national doesn't have the right to own land to build a factory, but no one knows how that foreign national got landownership. When the Land Administration Department was asked yesterday, they replied that the previous officer had granted the land ownership to the Chinese

national," explained U Phoe San. The case concerned the authorities and not the Department of Land Administration, said Chief Officer of Land Administration U Tun Tun Win.

A factory like this should be permitted to run only after the authorities had let the people know transparently, commented Kyauktaw Township MP U Tun Win. Since electricity from natural gas is available in the township, using coals is inappropriate, MP U Hla Thein Aung also commented.

Villages near the factory didn't object to it, said Kin Myaut Village Administrator U Than Kyaw Htay. MP U Phoe San from Arakan National Party and a team led by Assistant Director of Environment Conservation U Hlwan Moe Htet inspected the factory on July 30.

Reference: https://burmese.narinjara.com