



160 Questions and 30 Motions Submitted So Far to the Second Mon State Hluttaw



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160 questions and 30 proposals have been submitted to Mon State Hluttaw so far over one year during current NLD-led government term, according to the Office's Record of Mon State Hluttaw.

Of 30 motions, almost all are approved, except two listed as records, that are 1) the motion that requests for re-inspection on the sector/zone 6 Project of Strand Road of Mawlamyine and 2) the motion that calls for stopping issuance of household registration document for the migrant workers in Mon state.

During a meeting of the 6th Regular Session of the State Hluttaw, six motions were submitted and five are approved. Only one motion, which calls for effective tax collection by Mon State Government, was rejected with a justification that only Union Hluttaws can discuss such a matter of enforcing tax by using modern technology.

In addition to all these questions and motions discussed, five laws and four bi-laws, including the municipal law recently approved in sixth regular session, were approved so far.

(Reference: Mon News Agency)

Number of questions and motions of Mon State Hluttaw Table (from 1/2/2016 to 21/6/2017)

Hluttaw meeting	Motions	Questions
First regular meeting	1	-
Special meeting	5	17
Second regular meeting	5	20
Third regular meeting	8	26
Fourth regular meeting	4	32
Fifth regular meeting	1	28
Sixth regular meeting	6	37
Total	30	160

A Push-up Proposal to be Submitted for Effective Implementations of Pledges

June 26, 2017

A proposal to give a leverage for effective implementations of motions and questions, which are approved and listed as government pledges over-one year the State Hluttaw term, will be submitted to a meeting of the fifth regular session of Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw, that will be held on June 28.

Proposals and questions that Hluttaw representatives have submitted,

and some of them have become pledges or receipt commitment to implement them. These are needed to be effectively implemented, and thus, the proposal is to be submitted with the aim of pushing the government, said by U Toe Lwin (Kyun-Su (2) constituency).

The fifth regular session of the region hluttaw is planned to be carried out on June 28, 29, 30 and July 3. During the session the above mention propos-

al, 34 questions, and two new laws will be submitted and discussed, according to Hluttaw deputy speaker.

Political observers in the region have been widely criticizing on number of days of state hluttaw sessions that seemed not enough, and ineffective implementations by state government on pledges and commitment given for the motions approved at the state hluttaw.

(Reference: Tanintaryi Journal)

Kayah State MPs' Performances are not Satisfied Over One Year Period

June 17, 2017

Kayah State Hluttaw released the report on the performances of its MPs and (Affairs) Committees within 2016-2017, with the date of March 28. In the performance statement, 7 motions and 44 questions in total are listed together with name of persons submitted.

According to the report, there are only 8 MPs out of 18 in total submitted questions and the rest are still the ones who never do questions. In addition, it says two-third of the represen-

tatives have never submitted any proposals.

The representatives who never submitted questions or proposals are Tatmadaw representatives, and the representatives who are holding the ministerial posts in the state cabinet. The performances of Affairs Committees are counted such as doing committee meetings, field inspections, submissions of reports and holding hearing events. Of 6 committees, The Committee Handling and Examination of Complaint letters have held 8 times of hear-

ing events and the Public Financial Monitoring Committee has completed 15 times of ground examination.

However, it is commented that the performances of MPs are not satisfactory yet, particularly in case of submission of questions and proposals and their works seemed not reliable for the people and communities in their respective constituencies, though the duration of the state hluttaw is already over one year.

(Reference - Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook and Kantarawaddy Times)



Short News

■ The Legislative Affairs Committee, Committee of Business and Commerce and the Municipal Committee had a meeting on June 21 at the Sagaing Region Hluttaw Hall and discussed about preparing a new municipal law. The discussion has now been finished up to the Charter (6) of the drafted law, and if the public wants to raise the comments on it, they can send the letters by addressing to Sagaing Region Hluttaw and Legislative Affairs Committee till the end of July.

(Reference: Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman of Sagaing Region Hluttaw)

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The Complaint Handling Committee of Kayah State Hluttaw, conducted a hearing in Tatabalu Village, in Ma-htawku Village Tract, regarding with the farmland issues of local farmers.

(Reference: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook)

Complaints Are Not Solved Immediately Due to the Delayed Permissions from the Hluttaw Speaker and Region Government

June 25, 2017

Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives criticized that there are weaknesses dealing with the solutions for the complaint letters that submitted during over one year in-action of the Region Hluttaw, whereas the commitments from each of the Hluttaw representatives are also weak.

Hluttaw representatives have to get permission from the Hluttaw speaker to conduct field inspections after receiving a complaint letter. Then, the Hluttaw committee can do the field inspection only after having informed and received the permission, which have to pass through from Hluttaw speaker to the region government, and then from the region government to each of the respective departments. Due to such lengthy requirem procedures, complaints cannot be solved promptly and it becomes less effective, according to U Hla Htay, the member of Social and Management Committee. He continued that some complaint letters were directly submitted to Hluttaw speaker instead of being addressed to



(Photo - Myatmin Thu)

The Social and Management Committee of Yangon Region Hluttaw was handling the complaints at Hlaing Thar Yar Township.

the committee first, and thus they are required to get checked by the Hluttaw speaker and directed to respective hluttaw committees again, resulting delays in the process of taking action to these letters. At the moment, though receiving about 150 complaint letters, which were submitted to Social and Management Committee, 125 letters were handled and responded to the public.

Furthermore, U Thant Naing Oo (Pabedan Constitution 2) raised his opinion that the Hluttaw representatives should only involve in the specific field of their interest and expertise. He added that if they could not work with full commitment, it would have negative affects in performance of each MP but also the performance of the Hluttaw Affairs Committee.

(Reference: *Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB)*)

SNLD's MP Questions the Government's Silence on Constitutional Amendment

June 14, 2017

Sai Linn Myat (Mengsu -1), the member of State parliament representing Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD), questioned why the National League for Democracy led government has kept a silence, both inside and outside of the Hluttaw, on amending the 2008 Constitution.

At the meeting between Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and Shan State Hluttaw representatives in capital Taunggyi of the Shan State, on June 10, Sai Linn Myat (Mengsu -1) questioned whether the NLD government would amend the 2008 Constitution, and if it would amend, when it would start the constitutional amendment.

"We are not denying to amend it. Also,

we did not say that we would amend it immediately after we won the election. The internal peace is our second priority and the constitutional amendment is the third priority. We understand that it can only be amended after we obtain mutual understanding and trust. We understand that whether we ourselves can amend it or not is due to the presence of the restrictions in Section 436(a) (b) of Chapter 12, in the 2008 Constitution," said Speaker U Win Myint.

The Speaker U Win Myint also urged Hluttaw representatives to ensure the questions and proposals submitted to the parliament to be in line with the 2008 constitution and be in line with the Hluttaw representatives' party policies.

"It's mentioned like the 2008 Constitution will only be amended after achiev-

ing the peace. But in my opinion, I questioned whether the 2008 constitution is the reason why we cannot achieve the peace. I think, we should re-think about the restrictions and limitations on the chances and rights to achieve the peace," Sai Linn Myat told the media.

Sai Linn Myat also said he believe that it could head to peace if those chapters which grant and ensure the rights for ethnic groups can be amended.

The NLD party stated that it would process the affairs to amend the 2008 constitution since when it has competed in the 2012 by-election. Moreover it has also declared that 1) Rule of Law, 2) Internal Peace, and 3) Constitutional amendment are the prioritized policy areas of the party.

(Reference: *Shan Herald News Agency*)