

Local people being compensated for confiscated farmlands

Monywa, 22 Aug—As tasks are being carried out with added momentum to accelerate the suggestion of the Investigation Commission, it is necessary to give priority to development of socioeconomic life of local people in giving compensation for confiscated farmlands, perennial trees and water wells, creating job opportunities for local people and undertaking river water pumping projects for agricultural purpose, said Vice-Chairman Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye at the coordination meeting of the Implementation Committee of the Report of the Investigation Commission for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project at the hall of the region government office, here, yesterday.

Members of the committee, work committee leaders deputy ministers and region ministers submitted reports for respective sectors. The vice-chairman reviewed their reports.

Myanmar Wenbao Co has issued K 3706.83 million for land and crops compensation and K 348.09 million for perennial trees, totally amounting to K 4054.92 million in April 2011.

According to the suggestion of the Investigation Commission, K 1 million per acre of croplands, K 1.2 million per acre of rain-fed farmland and K 1.5 million per acre of irrigated farmland have been issued for the second time. So far, the compensation K 3197.21 million has been given to the local people. One more compensation issuance centre was opened in Hsete-Zeetqaw Village in addition to the administrator office in Salingyi Township.

A total of 1238 local people have been appointed at six jobs at Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project and 1754 at Kyaysintaung-Sabeitaung project of Myanmar Yangtze Co. A plan is underway to appoint 3000 persons at the works within one year.

Myanmar-Wenbao Co will spend K 479.8 million on repairing of drains to farmlands in the project area. The liaison office of the committee is opened at the library of Hsete-Zeetaw Village as of 12 August for ensuring transparency of public-centred development tasks.

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