

## **Farmland disputes to be solved in accord with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of each people for correct results**

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—The Union government is making all-out efforts to better serve the interest of the people by adopting policies and plans, said Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun at the press conference of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee at the Forest Department, here, this morning.

He continued to say that farmland disputes will be solved in line with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of each of the people for correct outcomes. He said that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed the investigation commission for easing sufferings of people whose farmlands and other lands were confiscated, and sent a message with three portions on the findings over 745 cases of the commission to the President.

Since a time before the commission had sent its findings to the President, the government has been solving the complaints and information sent by ministries concerned. The project commission meetings were held for drawing the development plans of region/ state, district, township and ward/village so as to allot land plots to the landless people.

The land utilization central committee led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun has been formed for systematically solving the farmland cases. Likewise, the committees have been constituted at different levels and duty and functions assigned to them.

The township/ward/village level committees were formed with respective supportive committee chairmen, townsenders and representatives of farmers who know the correct cases, public desires and actual situations for representing the people. He stressed that the government needs to practice steps of procedures for the farmlands handed over. He noted that it is necessary to scrutinize whether the person has rights of demand for the confiscated farmlands, rights of heritance and whether there is dispute or objection.

He said that it is necessary to abide by the Farmland Law 2012, the Farmland Rules 2012, the Vacant, Virgin and Fallow Lands Law 2012 and Rules 2012, existing laws of the ministries concerned and the laws of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees. He stressed the need to lay down a precise farmland utilization policy in conformity with the present time not to occur more disputes of farmlands. So, the Union government sought the assistance from the experts at home and abroad and UN agencies and INGOs. After drawing the policy, the national level land utilization plan will be mapped out. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint explained directives of the President office and the Union government for solving the cases of confiscated farmlands, formation of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee, setting up of the committees at different levels and handing over of confiscated farmlands and Deputy

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, implementing the reports of the investigation commission.

The Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads replied to queries raised by media. The press meet concluded with the remarks by Leader of the Press Release Team Union Minister U Win Tun.

Also present at the press meet were Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, deputy ministers, departmental heads and media persons. MNA

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