Immigration & Population Minister answers question about issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to citizens born to Myanmar nationals and Household Registration Certificates

NAY PYI TAW, 28- U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency raised questions at today’s Pyidaunghsu Hluttaw session.

He questioned whether there is any means to promptly issue citizenship scrutiny cards to citizens born to Myanmar nationals and household registration certificates (Form 10) at low price and when the issuance will start if there is; and whether there is any way to promptly issue official citizenship scrutiny cards and census certificates at low price, based on the lists of the temporary citizenship cards and census certificates issued for a prescribed period, and when the issuance will start if there is.

In response, Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo said in accord with the law and procedures of the ministry, following points and documents are necessary in applying for citizenship scrutiny cards.

(1) Applicant must apply in person.

(2) Original census certificate that includes the applicant and its copy

(3) The application form for citizenship scrutiny card and the original letter of endorsement issued by Ward PDC concerned proving that the applicant lives in the ward concerned

(4) A copy each of parents’ citizenship scrutiny cards / national registration cards

(5) The original birth certificate (or) the school endorsement and its copy

(6) The blood test

(7) Four photos measuring 0.8 x 0.8 inches without spectacles

Likewise, for applying census certificates, a head of household must apply personally together with necessary documents.

There is no charge for issuing census certificates. For applying citizenship scrutiny cards, a person must pay six kyats to the State for document fees. For applying again for a citizenship scrutiny card on account of the lost one, a person must pay 10 kyats. Speedy measures are taken if all the requirements of documents are met. Such documents are necessary to ensure correct facts and data in implementing State projects, correct facts of applicants and one’s holding of a single citizenship scrutiny card and census certificate.
The lists of temporary citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration are systematically recorded in the office of every township department of the ministry.

Those temporary cards were issued for those who have moved to other places without full necessary documents.

The ministry staff members are going down to wards and villages for issuing those cards and certificates for those with complete documents.

According to the township level organizational setup, an A-level township office has 18 staff members including a staff officer. The pay scale of the staff officer with the highest rank is K 100,000-2000-110,000 and that of a record keeper with the lowest rank, K 41,000-1000-46,000.

At present, the strength of staff members is only 75 percent of the organizational setup. The strength of staff members disproportionate to the area of township they are assigned to and its population cause delays sometimes. Costs in applying come from photos and other necessary documents of an applicant himself. If preparations are made for necessary documents, there will be few costs and delays.

Measures are being taken to ensure no staff member of the ministry takes bribe. It was already announced at all the township offices on 14-4-2007 that a complaint may be lodged to the director-general of Immigration and National Registration Department, Nay Pyi Taw in person or by letter, by phone or by fax if an applicant does not obtain the citizenship scrutiny card within 28 days from the applying date with complete documents. It has been announced many times in newspapers and journals. In connection with cases of staff member’s violation of the rules and regulations, action has been taken.

With the Notification No.435/3(8)2/NaYaKa date 29-4-2007, the State Peace and Development Council assigned duties to form scrutinization committees with heads of township departments of five ministries in every township in order to promptly issue citizenship scrutiny cards to those with the characteristics of a citizen in line with the 1982 Myanmar citizen law. Besides, measures have been taken for everyone who has come of age to be able to hold a certain form of card staring 12-4-2007. And now has reached project level-4. Measures are also being taken to issue the cards to those who have difficulty in submitting complete documents with the endorsement letters of townspeople concerned.

Therefore, it is the task that can be accomplished correctly and easily through cooperation of applicants, ward/village people and the ministry staff, the minister concluded.

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