

Education Minister replies to Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Zaw Tun's question

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March -U Zaw Tun of Momauk Constituency questioned at today's Pyithu Hluttaw regular session whether there is only plan to drapt law to teach a language of national race as optional subject in addition to teaching Myanmarsar as main subject in government schools in respective Regions and States or not.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein replied to the question that the ministry set syllabuses for basic education with the coordination of scholars at home and abroad and experts of UN agencies to nurture well-educated good citizens with Union Spirit and nationalistic fervor.

Myanmar, home to over 100 national races, has many languages, including different languages from the same race based on the region. There will be students of different national races in the same class of the same school as various national races inhabit in each Region/ State.

Subjects which could be learnt by children at their respective age are included in the current syllabuses with respect to the education theory. Official language Myanmarsar and international language English are also included in the curriculum.

At current situation, to set respective languages of each national race is impossible in basic education curriculum as there are many national races in Myanmar. The learning of languages of national races outside school will be supported.

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