

Pyithu Hluttaw

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NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Representatives raised questions about the National Human Rights Commission, motorcycle licenses, vaccination programmes and food safety at basic education schools at the Friday session of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House).

Concerning the question whether the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is independent, Chairman U Win Mra of the commission said that the commission is an independent government-funded body formed in accordance with the law to protect the fundamental rights of the citizens stated in the

state constitution and it implements the strategic plan and projects to promote and protect human rights by compiling human rights reports and helping answer questions at the United Nations Human Rights Council.

As for the motorcycle licenses, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung said his ministry issued licenses for illegal motorcycles through one-stop service in 2014 for the last time and action will be taken against the owners of illegal motorcycle in accordance with the law.

For the question on price control for vaccines

and vaccination programmes, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay said the ministry has no plan to control vaccine prices and free vaccination for babies and pregnant mothers is available at hospitals.

The deputy minister also responded to the question on food safety at schools. She said that supervisory committees for school canteens are formed for food safety at schools and the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, local authorities and school trusteeship committees are cooperating for food safety at schools. —MNA