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There is no way to return confiscated lands, says defence deputy minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Feb— Tenth-day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw session Monday questioned and answered land seizures of Tatmataw, naming of towns and villages and sexual abuses on women.

In response to the question of Daw Khin Saw Wai, parliamentarian of Yathedaung Township constituency, Major General Kyaw Nyunt, deputy minister for Defence, said military confiscated some lands in Zedipyin Village in this constituency for headquarters of Border Area Immigration Control Command before the lands and buildings were transferred to police battalion under Ministry of Home Affairs.

He added it is not possible to return the lands to original owners as all the lands are occupied with the buildings of security forces. Question of Daw Khin San Hlaing, an MP of Pale Township constituency, was answered by Brigadier General Kyaw Zan Myint, deputy minister of Home Affairs, saying that the names of villages and towns are officially recognized as have been registered by the ministry.

The deputy minister also explained the suggestion of Daw Nang Say Awa, an MP of Hpa-an Township constituency, to enact a law to protect women from sexual abuses. The Brigadier General said headed by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, a body of three committees comprising representatives of government ministries, parliament, political parties, legal experts, civil society organizations and NGOs is drafting the proposed law. --MNA

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