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Valisno to NSO – get LGUs support

Education Secretary Mona Valisno calls on the National Statistics Office (NSO) to enlist the support of local government officials so that the teachers acting as census takers can be assisted by barangay personnel and do their job smoothly.

“From what I hear, teachers serving as enumerators are being treated badly by uninformed householdsthat is why we seek the assistance of barangay personnel who may accompany our teachers in doing the household rounds,” Valisno disclosed.

Members of the Teachers’ Dignity Coalition and the Manila Public School Teachers Association raised their concern with the DepEd chief. The teachers organization reported to Valisno the grievances of public school teachers who are visiting homes nationwide doing interviews as part of the census.

The DepEd chief also said that some information asked in the census can be gathered from the Bureau of Internal Revenue or the LGU thus sparing the teachers from asking for information which homeowners may not voluntarily reveal.

“The census questionnaire seeks answers that are too confidential resulting to many homeowners refusing to talk to the enumerators,” Valisno explained.

She pointed out that there should be coordination between the NSO and other government agencies that already have some of the information asked in the census.”

Valisno gave the Bureau of Internal Revenue as a possible source of financial information that is needed for the census. She also suggested local governments as sources of other demographics

“If this information can be harmonized, it will be a lot better for our teachers,” Valisno said.

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