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AUSDSU alleges foul play in interview, seeks DMO's suspension

Alleging foul play in the examinations conducted for recruitment of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) and Multi Purpose Worker (MPW) by the health department in Upper Siang, the All Upper Siang District Students' Union (AUSDSU) has sought the suspension of the DMO at the earliest.

Addressing media persons at Arunachal Press Club (APC) here, AUSDSU president Tagiot Epir while demanding for re-conducting the examinations further alleged that the question papers for MTS and MPW examinations were leaked prior to the examinations.

"The question papers of the examinations were found lying on the ground near the Yingkong post office by one Ojing Peyang on August 21 morning, the day when the written examinations were conducted," claimed Epir.

Terming the examinations as unfair and biased, Epir asserted that the question papers itself does not contain any serial code so that one could identify his/her own answer script if required.

"Interestingly the authority concerned printed out a total of 2200 question papers whereas the applicants were only around 1700. Moreover, it was found that in some of the question papers there was no signature of the invigilator or examiner when the bundle of question papers were opened," the union president claimed.

Demanding the Director of Health Services (DHS) to immediately constitute an enquiry committee to find out the facts behind the malpractice, AUSDSU also went on to allege that a few people had impersonated the aspirants and wrote the examination on their behalf.

"A few individuals were caught doing so during the checking of admit card," Epir claimed.

Echoing Epir, AdiSU (Apex) general secretary in-charge Aniyong Jopir said, "Under both examinations there were various posts for which one could apply such as peon, dhobi, sweeper, stretcher etc. As all the professions are different it also requires different question papers. However, interestingly the recruitment committee set a uniform question paper for all the posts."

Alleging that the selection of candidates were to be made on the basis of 1:3 ratio but the recruitment committee had selected 94 candidate against the actual advertised posts of 34, hence violating the norms of recruitment process, AUSDSU also stated that many degree holders of BSC and MSC have also applied for the posts but mostly the relatives of officers who have just passed Class X through Opens Schools got through the examination and not the degree holders. When contacted DMO Ratan Tatan to take his opinion, he termed the allegations as baseless and questioned the union as to why they failed to point out the malpractices if any in appropriate time so that actions could have been initiated.

In terms of leakage of question papers, the DMO said that had the department knew about the leakages, the authority could have been postponed the examinations.

"If what the union is claiming is true then why did they not raise their voice then, why now," questioned the DMO while clarifying that for both MPW and MTS's exams the question papers were similar as both the posts are of the same department.

Speaking on the allegation that the recruitment committee had included one non Upper Siang candidate against the reserve quota of the district, the DMO admitting the mistake and said, "Being new to the district my office has committed a mistake and we are ready to delete the candidate's name if the union provides another suitable candidate for the reserved post."

Upper Siang DC Remo Kamki while terming the AUSDSU's allegation as baseless said the union could not substantiate their allegations when they approached him with a representation.

"If they have doubts then they could have intimated the same to the authority concerned immediately. Why are they doing so after one week of the examination? Most importantly they do not have any evidence or documents to support their claim so that any action can be initiated," added Kamki.