

LAZY CENSUS OFFICERS TO FACE DISMISSAL

Enumerators who will engage in lazy, shoddy or haphazard work (counting) in the upcoming National Population and housing census will be dealt with by summary dismissal and other forms of sanction, Mr. David Y Kombat, head of publicity, education and field operation of the census secretariat, has warned.

Speaking to the times in Accra yesterday, he said “the exercise is a serious national assignment and the secretariat would not countenance any form of shoddy work.

This is because if the input is wrong or inaccurate the entire result or data which is expressed to be used as a guide in national planning, will also be skewed”, he said

Mr. Kombat said if it was found out that the interview or enumerator had engage in assumptions or guess work to come out with a figure, he or she would be summarily dismissed and the allowance forfeited, or face possible persecution.

Currently, Mr. Kombat said 60,000 enumeration and supervisors had been selected out of a huge number of the people who applied for the job.

He said for every five enumerators, there would be a supervisor who would be responsible for the co-ordination and supervision, adding that enumerators would be given a map of their areas of jurisdiction and the supervisor would go round to ensure that they were discharging their duties well.

He said “like every institution or group that has a head or supervisor so is the census to ensure that the enumerators discharge their duties well.”

He said the zoning or mapping was to avoid the tendency where enumerators would be venturing into another’s territory.

Mr. Kombat said the secretariat had also engaged in a number of educational and publicity programmes, including meeting the media to drum the home its message.

Mr. Kombat said on September 26, the census night enumerators would be positioned at the country’s borders the Kotoka international Airport, as well as the Tema and Takoradi ports where the head count would be done, especially of those who would be travelling.

He said that the enumerator could be identified, by an identity card; shirt and caps inscribed with the logo of census exercise and urged the public to cooperate with them.

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