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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Andericus Odongo) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

STATUS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Deputy Speaker: Any Member with a Statement? Yes, Hon. Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. During the last Bursary disbursement for the Form 1 students, you find that ideally what was preserved for them was around Kshs. 500, 000.

However, during the vetting only Kshs. 20,000 was awarded to my Ward of East Ugenya instead of Kshs. 500,000 so it's like Kshs. 180,000 is missing.

I would kindly urge the Chair of Committee on Education that as he goes to the department let us get the procedure in which they are doing this because if a tune of up to Kshs. 180,000 is left outside and yet the money reserved for us was only Kshs. 500, 000 then there is a problem.

We are made to understand that there are normally some money that is put aside for logistics but for only one Ward the logistics to a tune of Kshs. 180,000? So let us get that next time.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes Chair, Committee on Education.

Hon. Arika: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I wish to respond to my able colleague. You realize that whatever was spared for the Form 2 to Form 4 was Kshs. 2.1 million. That was leaving a balance of Kshs. 400,000 that is Kshs. 75,000 for administration cost. I think that is what is leaving Kshs. 325,000.

So I would really want my able colleague to confirm whether whatever was disbursed or was distributed as allocation for Form 2 – Form 4 was Kshs. 2.1 million. Hon. Omoro you can confirm with your calculation that indeed what is supposed to be disbursed to Form 1 is Kshs. 325,000 and not Kshs. 500,000 as being stated by my colleague.

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Omoro are you contented?

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Hon. Omoro: I am not contented because I am issuing a Statement that should be taken to the department so that they get us a candid report over the same. Maybe Wards differ and I am talking from a perspective in which the vetting committee is giving me this information that what was left as a reserve was Kshs. 500,000.

It may be different with the Ward of the Hon. Member, the Chair of the Committee on Education. I precisely talked of East Ugenya Ward so let East Ugenya ward be investigated and the matter brought on board.

The Deputy Speaker: I think, Chairman for Committee on Education, it seems you have a word.

Hon. Arika: I think before the Bursary was disbursed, that is for the first batch, there was a communication. A letter was dispatched to each and every Ward and the letter was giving direction that what was supposed to be given to Form 2 to 4 students was Kshs. 2.1 million and this was cutting across. So I would just want to urge my colleague that probably let us put aside what the committee said.

Let us refer back to what was allocated before, that was Kshs. 2.1million so I think this is a clear and direct thing. But probably if it is within the Hon. Member's right, if he wants a clear communication from the department then I have no problem I will pass that information to the relevant people.

The Deputy Speaker: I direct that the Hon. Member from East Ugenya, do a written Statement then it will stand committed to relevant committee so that we get a proper response from the department.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There being no other business, this House adjourns until Wednesday 26th April, 2023 tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 3.14 p.m.