



राष्ट्रिय मानव अधिकार आयोग

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal

केन्द्रिय कार्यालय Central Office

हरिहर भवन, पुलचोक, ललितपुर, HariharBhawan, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, Nepal



Press Release

July 8, 2019

Ensure access of the goods without pesticides to the Consumers

The government is mainly responsible for the quality, freshness, guarantee of non-toxic state and security of foods and vegetables like consumer goods produced inside Nepal or imported. With regard to this, National Human Rights Commission draws its attention seriously towards the news reports recently published relating to the decision made by the Government of Nepal to import the vegetables, fruits and the foods including the consumer goods without pesticide residue **test** in the borders.

Safeguarding the consumer's rights as a fundamental right, the Article 44 of the Constitution of Nepal ensures the right to obtain quality goods and services as well as the right to obtain compensation to a person who has suffered injury from any substandard goods or services. The Consumer Protection Act 2018 guarantees the right to information and security of the Consumers. Similarly, the Constitution of Nepal Article 30 right to clean environment and the Article 35 right relating to health have been arranged.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 Article 25 declares the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being and similarly 25 (1) provides duty to the State to provide security in the event of circumstances beyond his control. The United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection, 1985 guarantees the right to security, right to information and right to compensation, and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, 2011 endorsed by the United Nations for protection, respect and remedy form the adverse impact to enjoy human rights from the activities of the business institutions has also arranged for the protection obligation to the state and the obligation to protect, respect and remedy by the business entities. Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966, provides the steps to be taken by the States Parties to achieve the full realization of the right to healthy lives of the people.

The monitoring of the National Human Rights Commission and the study conducted by the various governmental and non-governmental sectors show that huge amount of pesticide is used

फोन नं. ५०१००१५, फ्याक्स नं. ००९७७-१-५५४७९७३ पो.ब.नं. ९१८२ काठमाण्डौ, नेपाल

Phone: +977 1 5010015 Fax: +977 1 5547973, G.P.O. Box: 9182, Kathmandu, Nepal,

Email: nhrc@nhrcnepal.org Website: www.nhrcnepal.org



राष्ट्रिय मानव अधिकार आयोग

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal

केन्द्रिय कार्यालय Central Office

हरिहर भवन, पुलचोक, ललितपुर, HariharBhawan, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, Nepal



without following the standards especially in the vegetable production, the imported vegetables, fruits and the foods including the consumer goods without pesticide residue test in the borders. It shows the probable serious impact upon the health of the consumers, pesticide user peasants and the labourers as well as the policy makers.

Thus, the Commission, reminding the obligation as per the Constitution of Nepal, other laws and the international human rights related laws, the Government of Nepal has intense Constitutional obligation to prevent the human and environmental damage that will be created due to pesticides, discouraging the rampant use of pesticides in the vegetables, fruits, foods and other consumer goods in the domestic production as well as the imported production, the Commission draws attention to the Government of Nepal as well as all other stakeholders to respect and protect the right to dignified life as well as the right of the consumers to get the quality goods.

.....

Bed Bhattarai

Secretary/Spokesperson