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Attention of the government drawn to improve the prison condition

The National Human Rights Commission has drawn the attention of the government to improve the prison condition. Drawing the attention to the sorry state of the inmates and the prison condition across the country, the Commission has written to the Office of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers and Prison Management Department.

The monitoring of the Commission has found that inmates have been living in fear after the devastating earthquake has left the most prisons in dilapidated state. The Commission has therefore urged the concerned authorities including the OPMCM and PMD to improve the sorry state of the prison.

The Commission had conducted monitoring on the central prison including prisons in Parsa, Nawalparasi, Palpa, Sunsari, Myagdi, Solukhumbu and Khotang districts. In the letter, the Commission has drawn the attention of the concerned authorities to take steps to increase the ration and other allowances for prisoners and children dependent on them. Currently, entitled Rs 45 per day while the children dependent on them is Rs 10 per day as allocated based on the NHRC recommendation sent in 2063. The amount delineated is not at all affordable for them as per current rate of the daily commodities, the letter says.

Similarly, the Commission has urged the government to provide compensation to the families of the inmates who died due to the earthquake, to make adequate space available for the inmates and to immediately renovate the old buildings till new shelters are erected.

The Commission has also urged the government to manage the staff according to vacancies lying, to issue directive to the responsible authorities for monitoring the prisons periodically, to make an arrangement for drainage and clean drinking water supply, to make an appropriate arrangement for the clean environment in and around the prisons, to make arrangements to provide vocational trainings to prisoners, to make arrangements for medical test for the prisoners. The Commission has also urged the government to make an arrangement for pardon to the prisoners as per law and immediately release them without any discrimination.

Similarly, the Commission has suggested the government to prioritize hearings on the cases of inmates who are in detention, to maintain a record of the inmates with photos and to install a suggestion and complaint box and the code of conduct for the inmates at a place where it can easily be seen.

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