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Reimburse immendiately the price of the sugarcane to the farmers

National Human Rights Commission expresses serious concern about the ongoing sugarcane farmers' protest who have come to the Capital from Sarlahi, Rautahat, Nawalparasi and Kapilvastu, have been holding peaceful protests from December 13, 2020 in Kathmandu demanding that they be paid outstanding dues from past years from the sugar factories, sugar factories have purchased their sugarcane in low price than that of government specified, and lack of implementation of the agreements concluded with the government of Nepal. The Commission monitored the incident visiting them at Maitighar Mandala.

Surviving on sugarcane farming, farmers who are not being able to receive their dues for a long time is violates the fundamental right to acquire, own, sell, dispose, acquire business profits from, buy and sell property and benefit through businesses provided by the Constitution of Nepal. As United Nations' Guiding Principle on Business and Human Rights, 2011 states that it is the responsibility of the business sector to protect and respect human rights, and therefore the private sector also needs to be serious on this issue. Similarly, the government also needs to get active as it is the state's obligation to reach out to victims for justice.

The commission draws attention of the the government and sugar mills for the effective implementation of the law that is provisioned for the rights of farmers, to become sensitive on the problems of sugarcane farmers, respect the labor right of farmers, implement the agreement concluded in the past with them to protect their fundamental rights and human rights. The Commission also urges to the Local administration and the government of Nepal for action against sugar mill owners who are not following government directive orders and are not clearing the dues of sugarcane farmers and to make arrangements for immediate payment to farmers and reimburse it from the sugar purchasing industries as a government's due payment.

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