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Crack Down the Irregularities in Medicine Selling and Distribution

The National Human Rights Commission's serious attention has drawn toward the restriction imposed on the supply and distribution of medicines in Janakpur by the whole sellers (Suppliers) of medicine in the pressure created by the Nepal Chemist and Druggist Association Janakpur blaming of selling medicines easily and at affordable rates.

The Commission has investigated into the alleged restriction on the supply of medicines on a complaint filed by Ramas Public Pharmacy. The Commission found that consumers' rights has been violated due to the Janakpur chapter of Nepal Druggist and Chemist Association and wholesalers including Janakpur Drug House, RS Drugs, Dhanusha Medical, Rajesh Medical, Mahendra Medical, Roshan Pharma and Kushal Pharma were running a cartel in their attempt to limit competition in the market, selling medicines to the limited number of pharmacies and stopped supplying medicines to the pharmacies which sell drugs at cheaper rates.

Such activity is against the provisions of the consumer rights enshrined in the Article 44 of Constitution of Nepal -2015, Consumer Rights Protection Act 1997, and Competition Promotion and Market Protection Act 2006. The NHRC has written to the government with instruction to intervene and regulate the market.

Thus, the Commission requests the government to intervene in the market to ensure smooth supply of medicines, control market activities attempted at limiting the rights of consumers and do the needful to fully protect and respect the rights of consumers.

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Secretary