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Commission Recommends Granting Citizenship through Mother's Nationality and keeping the Identification Record of Unclaimed Dead Bodies

The National Human Rights Commission today recommended the government of Nepal to grant citizenship certificates to every child on the basis of their mother's nationality.

After a severe discussion in NHRC meeting today on many complaints lodged at the Commission drawing its attention to the problems, many people faced in the course of obtaining their citizenship on the basis of their mothers' nationality.

As per Article 12 of the Constitution of Nepal (2015) which ensures right to obtain citizenship on the basis of descent and gender identity and the Supreme Court's order, the government is recommended to grant all children who have intention their citizenship certificates on the basis of their mothers' nationality.

The Commission's Meeting also urges the government to keep identification records of unclaimed dead bodies with the following recommendations:

- To seek help of media outlets like external mechanisms besides Police's internal mechanism for identification of bodies.
- To keep well managed documentation of identification records of the dead bodies compulsorily when funeral rites is performed in any local bodies: Municipal, Village bodies.
- To review the current laws provisions dealing with the disposal of dead bodies which are not adequate.

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