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NHRCN's Surprise Monitoring of Metropolitan Police Range and Circle of Kathmandu Valley

National Human Rights Commission, acting on complaints received about the incompetence of the police offices in handling cases of sexual assault and violence, a team deployed and led by NHRC Member Mohna Ansari carried out a surprise monitoring of Kathmandu Valley Metropolitan Police Range at Teku, the Women and Children's Service at Kalimati and Metropolitan Police Circle, Durbarmarg of Kathmandu valley on 2nd April, 2018.

The monitoring was directed towards addressing public grievances received by NHRC on the role and the effectiveness of Nepal Police, they have a crucial role in investigating and taking legal action in cases of sexual violence like rape and other sexual abuses. During monitoring, the team queried and discussed with the Office in charge, officials working in the crime investigation section and the service holders who were presented there.

Poorly managed police offices, the counseling desks set up at police offices for counseling the victims of sexual violence were found to be poorly managed and there was no female personnel at the inquiry desks, inaccessible information boards and helpdesk to the public and the police authorities have been found settling serious cases of sexual violence through negotiations are some of the facts received by the monitoring team. There is a lack of coordination between the police office which carries out the preliminary investigations and registers cases, the office of the public prosecutor which oversees such cases, and the courts which provides verdict.

So, the police Offices, whose role is crucial in investigation and proceeding of the grievous violation of human rights cases like sexual violence, should be well managed and victim friendly so that the victims of violence get access to justice.

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