

NHRC Concern over Kantipur newsprint delays, 24 June 2010

NHRC Nepal expresses a serious concern over the holding-up of the shipment of newsprint materials of the Kantipur Publications Pvt. Ltd. for over 17 days in Kolkata Port which has obstructed the regular publication thereby debarring the general people to exercise their Right to Information.

In this regard, a team from the Commission held a discussion with the officials of the Kantipur Publication. The Commission has also initiated necessary inquiries with the concerned government authorities with regard to the halting of newsprint consignment imported from the third country. The Commission places the demand for the information from the Government of Nepal about the facts regarding the same. Likewise, the Commission urges the Kantipur Publication to beseech any legal or administrative provision to sort out the issue.

The Commission believes that all the national and international authorities play significant role in fostering respect towards the Right to Trans- national and International Business and Transport of land-locked and developing nations. The Commission, therefore, draws attention of the GoN towards the situation and to take appropriate initiation to resolve the problem immediately allowing the Nepalese citizens to enjoy their Right to Information.

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