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Government urged to make necessary arrangement for the earthquake survivors

The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to the measurable condition of the quake survivors of the earthquake of 25th April, 2015 due to the deprivation of their basic facilities related to right to shelter, health, education and livelihood.

The commission has been monitoring the situation of the quake survivors by establishing human rights mobile camps in collaboration with Nepal Bar Association, Federation of Nepalese Journalists and NGO Federation in worst-hit districts declared by the government. The monitoring has observed that the human rights situation of the quake survivors has become extremely difficult due to cold weather, fuel shortage, inflation, black market and shortage of essential goods. The commission has, therefore, drawn the attention of the government to solve the humanitarian crisis faced by the quake survivors by making necessary rehabilitation arrangement.

During the monitoring, the monitoring has observed that many quake survivors haven't been issued identity cards yet, compelled to live under temporary shelter made up of thin tarpaulin and deprived of government assistance Rs. 15,000/- as an immediate relief. The monitoring has also observed that the life of quake survivors has been hit hard due to the shortage of most essential daily consumable goods including medicines, food grains and clothes following the agitation of Madhesh based parties. Similarly, the organizations and agencies working actively in the field of disaster management have gone slack citing the fuel crisis giving room to the crisis to further bulge up. The life of quake survivors living under poverty line has become extremely measurable due to the shortage of consumable goods.

The monitoring has observed that the life of quake survivors has become worse in mountain districts of Rasuwa and Gorkha due to last week's rainfall followed by snowfall with the chillness stepping in recent days. A few quake survivors especially pregnant women, new mothers, children elderly citizens are compelled to take shelter in temporary makeshifts under open sky as. They are learnt to have been suffering from health related problems such as cold and cough and fever due to cold weather, as per the monitoring. The school going children clad with thin clothes have been forced learn in cold classrooms of the school.

The Commission has drawn the attention of the government to give the final shape to the draft-bill of the National Reconstruction Authority and establish it at its earliest. The Commission has also appealed to the government, national and international non-governmental organizations for the immediate relief needed to save children, women, senior citizens and person with disabilities from chillness.

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