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Press Note

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Verified as "Disqualified" Maoists Combatants decry their Desertion: knock the door of NHRC

The delegation of ex-Maoist combatants, categorized with 'Disqualified' tag during verification, visited the NHRC on Monday and placed their problems and concerns before the NHRC Officials.

During their visit, Krishna Prasad Dangal 'Kiran', general secretary of the former 'People's Liberation Army' (PLA) said that having been harnessed with the tag 'disqualified by the state, their dignity and self-esteem has gone downtrodden in society.

General Secretary Dangal unveiled injustice perpetuated to them while in cantonment. "We have received benefits such as ration and salary for nine months only. We never knew where the benefits as such went for the rest of the duration,' Mr. Dangal said.

Having been treated as the third class citizens, the problems of the exit combatants have been neglected by all the concerned to the highest extent. "We have toiled our sweat and blood only to be tagged with the term 'disqualified' in the end. No authority has paid any heed to our woes of injustice, ' he lamented.

Speaking to the delegation, Chairperson Kedar Nath Upadhyay said that the term "disqualified" used to address the combatants not meeting the standard during their exit is indeed objectionable.

He suggested the delegation to come up with the problems and submit them in the form of complaint so that it would be easy to look into the matter process wise.

Member Gauri Pradhan said that the tag 'Disqualified' given to the combatants has hurt their dignity and self-esteem. Pointing out the necessity of social reintegration of the exit combatants, he said that the state ought to give serious attention towards this.

Earlier, the delegation of the exit PLA combatants has submitted the memorandum to the Prime Minister. Submitted on September 17, 2012, the memorandum includes the demands such as the removal of 'Disqualified' tag given to them during verification, provision of lump-sum financial package to them, immediate release of the arrested exit combatants, and the disclosure of the details related to the financial expenditure provided by the UN Peace Fund for the rehabilitation of the PLA.

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