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Press Note

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Discussion on the welfare of consumers

Protection of Consumer Rights Stressed

The Commission organized a discussion with the responsible authorities of the Government of Nepal (GoN) following the grievances placed by the consumers on incidents regarding food items being sold at a price more than the prescribed amount, lack of installation of price lists in most shops including the obstruction caused to the market monitoring teams deployed by the GoN at a few places while some districts were reeling under food scarcity.

The Commission has expressed its concern on the unnatural price hike in essential commodities during the festive season of Dashain and Tihar and adulterated food items being distributed in the market. The Commission also urged market monitoring to be stepped up by the government for the supply of healthy and qualitative food items in order to ensure consumer rights.

The Commission suggested the Government to ensure the right to food by making smooth supply of qualitative foods in districts where food scarcity is widespread and to make arrangements for regular and effective monitoring on the human rights of consumers throughout the country.

At the discussion, NHRC Officiating Secretary Subarna Karmacharya said, "The government should continue market inspection and monitoring round-the-year and punish the culprits."

Government officials responded by pledging to initiate legal actions against those involved in unethical business practices and informed that market inspection and monitoring has been conducted by officials at the Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Directorate of Livestock Training and Extension and Nepal Bureau of Standards.

Subarna Karmacharya

Officiating Secretary