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Attention of the Government drawn towards impartial distribution of relief materials

The National Human Rights Commission has publicized the preliminary report on the monitoring conducted with regard to the loss of lives and properties, ongoing rescue work, relief distribution including the overall human rights situation of the survivors of the earthquake affected districts. The report is being publicized on Monday upon conducting the on-the-spot monitoring in the districts affected by devastating earthquake.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Justice Anup Raj Sharma urged the government including all the concerned parties to distribute the relief materials in impartial and non-discriminatory manner. He said that the Commission is relentlessly engaged in monitoring since the day the earthquake hit the country and will continue it in war-footing manner in the days to come as well.

Adding that the Commission will advance its activities collaborating with all the concerned, Chairperson opined that immediate promulgation of law related to the crisis management was inevitable.

On the occasion, Commissioner and Spokesperson Mohna Ansari said that schools, hospitals and prisons have been damaged by the massive earthquake and urged the government to identify those buildings in vulnerable condition and rebuild them immediately. She also urged the government to ensure the right to education of the children and also ensure to provide special protection to women and children at high risk of trafficking.

The preliminary report publicized by the Commission mentions that it has been discovered during the course of monitoring that some earthquake survivors have received the relief materials repeatedly while some have not received even once. The report unveils that no special arrangement has been made for women, children, destitute, Dalit, earthquake survivors of the remote districts, elderly citizens and persons with disabilities. The report also says that a huge number of children and elderly citizens have been sheltered under a single tent and there is high possibility of infection of contagious disease. The Commission has drawn the attention of the government towards this situation. The relief materials including food and clothing distributed to the earthquake affected citizens of some earthquake affected district have been confirmed to be of substandard quality, the report reveals.

The Commission urges the government to ensure the protection of life of rescue workers including the security agencies engaged in extremely vulnerable rescue mission by providing them very necessary rescue equipment including gloves and helmet.

The Commission also urges the government to take stern action against those involved in unethical activities such as artificial shortage of essential daily commodities, price hike, and black market including those involved in doing irregularities in relief materials distribution.

Mohna Ansari
Commissioner and Spokesperson