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Office of the Commission urges for the Protection of Right to Health

LALITPUR: The serious attention of the Commission has been drawn to the incidents of death toll reaching 10 due to the outbreak of jaundice and hepatitis in various places including Biratnagar of Morang district. Following the incident of jaundice endemic and the subsequent closure of schools, the life is learnt to have been hit hard in the area.

The flow of patients is found increasing optimum in hospitals and clinics due to the outbreak of disease which is said to have been caused from contamination of drinking water with Coliform and the treatment hasn't been found well managed and effective. Though the government had mobilized a rapid response team in the jaundice prone areas, the disease hasn't been controlled due to the lack of coordination among the health institutions in the area. It is simultaneously learned that the children are being deprived of their right to education due to the closure of the school.

Keeping in mind the severity of the disease, it is deemed necessary to launch initiatives towards the prompt adoption of necessary measures to prevent the disease in national level so that such outbreak does not repeat in future. In this regard, a fact finding mission from Biratnagar Regional Office of the Commission has been deployed in the incident site.

The Commission, therefore, urges the Government to launch necessary initiatives to protect the citizens' fundamental rights such as right to treatment, right to education and right to life including respect and protection of consumers rights provisioned through the constitution by adopting necessary measures leading to arrangement of necessary treatment, prevention of the outbreak and also the arrangement of safe drinking water supply including the prompt initiative to commence awareness programs in order to help restore normalcy in the life of general people.

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