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Press Note

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NHRC Expresses Concern over the Plight of Kamalaris (Bonded Laborers)

The Delegation representing the 'Joint Action Committee for the Abolition of Kamalari Practice' presented a memorandum to the NHRC and drew the attention towards violence, disappearance and killing including sex exploitation perpetuated on Kamalaris in parts of the country. The Committee, through the memorandum, has urged the Commission to pledge support in helping address the problems faced by the Kamalaris with immediate effect.

Accepting the memorandum, the NHRC Member Gauri Pradhan said that the Commission was always sensitive towards all the incidents including the abuse perpetuated on the Kamalaris.

Underscoring the need to address the problems such as the emancipation of the Kamalaris, their sustainable rehabilitation, social reintegration, including the provision of compensation, Member Pradhan urged the Government to be serious towards this direction.

Member Pradhan updated the Delegation with the investigation commenced by the Commission on the death of Srijanan Chaudhary, 12, at Chakupat, Lalitpur on March 14, 2013. The child died working as a domestic labor in doubtful circumstances.

Member Pradhan expressed his commitment to deploy the special missions to carry out on-the-spot monitoring on the incidents of killing, exploitation, affliction and discrimination perpetuated on the Kamalaris in the capital including various districts on the basis of the complaints received.

Mr. Fakala Chaudhary, head of Delegation, said that, as of today, 6 Kamalaris have been killed, 27 of them have been disappeared, and 11 Kamalaris have faced the torment of becoming illegitimate mothers due to the perpetual sexual exploitation of their masters.

The Bandha program was organized in the districts of Dang, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur in order to draw the attention of the Government towards the problems but the Government paid no heed to it, Mr Chaudhary lamented.

The Delegation included the freed Kamalaris also,

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