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Government corresponded for safeguarding the Rights of Senior Citizens

LALITPUR: The National Human Rights Commission has written to the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers recommending for initiatives for safeguarding the rights of senior citizens. The Government has been corresponded on the basis of the monitoring conducted by the Commission on the rights of senior citizens.

The letter sent to Government mentions that though there have been constitutional and legal provisions that safeguard the rights senior citizens, they haven't been implemented appropriately.

It has been urged through the letter, therefore, to adequately raise the social security allowance that the senior citizens are entitled to for their living. Also, it is urged to manage for the distribution of the senior citizen allowance in such a way that the senior citizens residing in senior citizen homes and remote parts of the country receive the same in a convenient manner.

The letter further reads, 'There needs to be prompt and effective monitoring on whether or not the senior citizens are receiving concessions they are entitled to in public vehicles, health services, religious and public places, including drinking water, electricity, telephone and other essential public services, as per the Senior Citizens Act 2007.

'There is dire need to formulate senior citizens welfare committee at central, and district levels, and the senior citizens welfare fund, as per Sections 13, 15 and 17, of the above Act respectively for their effective implementation,' the letter further reads.

It is also mentioned in the letter sent to the OPMCM that there is need to rehabilitate the elderly individuals in violence and those abandoned by the family and also to arrange necessary health care facilities and other psychological treatment for such senior citizens.

Earlier, the Commission had sent the recommendations dated September 27, 2012 urging the Government to amend the Senior Citizens 2007 Act, so as to criminalize the act of abandoning senior citizens by their family.

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