

## **In the aftermath of the earthquake, Supreme Court of Nepal issues 'show cause notice' on the issues raised by HRWF/Nepal**

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HRWF/ Nepal (20.05.2015) - On 19 May, a single bench of Justice Kalyan Shrestha of Supreme Court of Nepal issued a show cause notice in the name of the government of Nepal to present a written answer within seven days about the issues raised by HRWF/Nepal.

HRWF/Nepal has demanded following issues in the name of Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Legislature-Parliament, Home Ministry and Local Development Ministry among others defendants:

- a. In collaboration with the government, many experts and scholars should get together and formulate a body that dedicatedly should engage in studies and research activities in Geology and Seismology. This can be enhanced knowledge regarding the earthquake and its trends. Also the government will have experts in hand who are well informed, who will help the government in proper decision taking and policy making.
- b. Government should establish some testing mechanisms to certify a person as a Geologist. For example, to be a legally recognized doctor in Nepal, the exam taken by Nepal Medical Council has to be passed. Similarly, in order to be a competent geologist, the government has to test their knowledge and potential by setting some parameters like geological council.
- c. Natural Calamities Relief Act 1982, does not address the present day problems and complexities. Therefore, it should be substituted by new act, to address the current day problems and complications.
- d. The warning and information of geosciences should be provided to the public only via authorized and genuine sources such as; the research centers established by the government or in collaboration with the government, along with geologists, whom the government has approved.