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Q. Please, give us your brief introduction?

A. My name is Sushma Tamang. I'm 17 Years old. I've only got one brother, Shayam Tamang. I don't know anything about my families. I'm in this Home when I was 3 years old.

Q. How do you take the support of the Stichting?

A. Well, I think that we are the luckiest kid in this universe that the people of the Netherlands are supporting us for education, health, food and so on. I am sure that this kind of help and support will be continued in the future also. But I think that if we have enough books in the library (maximum books are for small kids) than we can have extra knowledge. In other words I like to say please consider about the increasement of teenage books also. But the crucial thing is that we are very much taking the benefit of The Dutch supports.

Q. Good to hear that but please tell us about the complaint hearing system in the Home?

A. Of course there is one committee involved in complaint hearing but this committee only hears about the demand we demanded. More or less our demand is fulfilled but we don't have person of trust. We have to share our views with the members (generally ladies members) but we are unable to complain about the staffs and members to any particular person. This system will be implemented very soon, that I heard from our board member. Let's see what happens.

Q. So, is there any traditional punishment system or modern punishment system operating in the Home?

A. Fortunately I am not punished till date. But 3/4 months before, we too have the traditional way of punishment like beating by stick or slapping. Now we get punishment of doing the cleaning if we are more than 10 years old or have to draw or write the spelling 4/5 pages if we are less than 10 years old. So we were always alert not to do the mistakes and this is slowly changing our behavior also.

Q. Lastly please tell us about the Dutch volunteers visiting in the Home. Are they helpful to you?

A. We are always looking forward to have the Volunteers in our home. From them we learn a lot of things like their culture, way of dealing with the people, showing respect to others and of course their culture. Volunteers even take us for outing. They impart their knowledge. Lastly, they always remind us about the compassion towards others.

Thank you Sushma for this interview and hope for your better future. Thank you once again.