

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1149
ANSWERED ON-02.03.2006
PROTECTION TO STREET VENDORS

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- (a) whether there is any proposal with Government to bring an enactment to protect the interests of Street Vendors;
- (b) if so, by when the relative Bill would be introduced in Parliament; and
- (c) if not, what steps are going to be taken for their protection?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Subject matter of street vending falls in the State List. As such, the Central Government has no jurisdiction to legislate on this subject.

(c): The Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has formulated a National Policy on Urban Street Vendors in January 2004 with the objective to provide and promote a supportive environment for earning livelihood to the urban street vendors, as well as ensure absence of congestion & maintenance of hygiene in public spaces/streets. The national policy is only suggestive in nature and as such, circulated to the States/Union Territories Governments with the request to make suitable and appropriate adoption of it in the overall interest of the street vendors, with or without any changes to suit local conditions and also respecting any court decisions, which may impinge on the issue.