

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1958**

**ANSWERED ON-29.08.2012**

Legislation for protecting street vendors

1958 Smt. Jaya Bachchan

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to protect the rights of about 10 million street vendors across the country by introducing legislation in this regard; and  
(b) the salient features of the proposed legislation in protecting the means of livelihood of such hawkers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The salient features of the proposed legislation are given in the Annexure.

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Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha USQ No.1958 for 29.08.2012

The Salient Features of the Proposed Legislation:

- ? Compulsory registration for every person intending to carry out street vending;
- ? The street vendor shall have the right to carry on the business of street vending as mentioned in certificate of vending and right to reclaim his/her goods if confiscated as specified in the scheme;
- ? The appropriate Government is required to constitute a Town Vending Committee with minimum forty percent representation of street vendors;
- ? The local authority in consultation with planning authority to make out a plan once in every five years to promote a supportive environment for urban street vendors to carry out their vocation;
- ? For the redressal of grievances or resolution of disputes, the local authority to constitute a permanent Committee consisting of a person who has been a sub-judge or judicial magistrate or an executive magistrate

as Chairperson and such other persons having such experience in street vending activities;

? The appropriate Government to undertake promotional measures for making available credit, insurance and other welfare schemes of social security for the street vendors;

? Street vendors carrying on street vending in accordance with the terms and conditions of his/her certificate of vending not to be prevented from exercising their right, to vend, by any person or police or any other authority, under any law in force.

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