

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLICY FOR STREET VENDORS AND SMALL TRADERS

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- (a) whether there is a national policy pertaining to the street vendors and small traders;
- (b) if so, details of the policy thereof;
- (c) whether specific urban areas are to be demarcated for street vending according to the policy;
- (d) if so, how many urban civic bodies have so far completed the process; and
- (e) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has comprehensively revised the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors, 2004 and come out with the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors 2009. This revised Policy seeks to provide an enabling framework for street vendors to earn an honest living without harassment backed by a legislative framework.

It clarifies roles of Town Vending Committee, Local Authority and Planning Authority at city level and calls upon the State Government to provide a conducive environment to street vendors for carrying out street vending. The policy envisages city/town specific demarcation of 'Restriction Free Vending Zones', 'Restricted Vending Zones' and 'No-vending Zones' depending upon the ground realities.

The National Policy on Urban Street Vendors 2009 provides for reservation of space for vending zones, vendors' markets etc. in master / development plans, zonal plans and local area plans by the Local Authority / Planning Authority / Regional Planning Authority. States are expected to monitor the progress of actions at city level. No State has reported the completion of the process of demarcating vending areas in cities / towns.