

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Status of street vendors

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

- (a) the status of street vendors in the country inter-alia indicating the status of rules/guidelines that provide protection of their livelihood;
- (b) the current legal provisions to protect their livelihood;
- (c) how far the National Policy for Urban Street Vendors protects their interests;
- (d) whether a demand has been made by the vendors community for extending their jurisdiction to railway properties; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (c) : The Government of India had circulated a comprehensively revised National Policy on Urban Street Vendors 2009. This Policy aims at promoting a congenial environment to the urban street vendors to carry out their activities smoothly and also provides a mechanism of regulation of such activities in consonance with public interest. This Policy underscores the need for a legislative framework to enable street vendors to pursue an honest living without harassment from any quarter. Now, the Ministry is in the process of enacting a Central legislation for protecting the livelihood rights of the urban street vendors.

(d) & (e): In the National Consultation on Central Law on Street Vending held on 23rd December, 2011 at New Delhi, certain representatives of vendors suggested for inclusion of vendors on railway properties also in the proposed Central legislation.
