

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-328
ANSWERED ON-27.07.2006
PROBLEMS FACED BY STREET VENDORS

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- (a) whether it is a fact that the urban vendors in various cities across the country are facing serious impediments in their effort to earn their livelihood due to modernization drive;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues being faced by street vendors;
- (c) whether Government are coming up with any concrete plan to alleviate these problems; and
- (d) if so, the salient features of the said plan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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(a)&(b): Urban Street Vendors face some problems such as forced eviction by the local and police authorities, lack of basic amenities like public toilets, drinking water, electricity, solid waste disposal storage facility for their wares.

(c)&(d): Even though this is a state subject, this Ministry has formulated a National Policy on Urban Street Vendors in January, 2004 in order to provide and promote a supportive environment for earning livelihoods to the street vendors, as well as to ensure absence of congestion and maintenance of hygiene in public spaces and streets and circulated the Policy to all the States/UTs for its suitable and appropriate adoption to suit local conditions and also respecting court decisions, if any. The salient feature of the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors is enclosed as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c)&(d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 328 FOR 27.7.2006.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON URBAN STREET VENDORS:

To recognise the service rendered by the vendors to the economy of the country and promote a supportive

environment or them to earn their livelihood.

To recognize their right to livelihood and to give dignity to the informal sector.

To consider review of legal framework to legitimate street vending.

To facilitate use of identified space without obstruction.

To regulate street vending through participatory mechanism and self-compliance.

To promote organizations of vendors to facilitate their empowerment.

To strive for promoting social security and financial services by providing access to credit through promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs), Cooperatives etc.