

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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National Policy on Urban Street Vendors

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

- a) Whether the Ministry has comprehensively revised the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors;
- b) If so, the details thereof together with objectives of the revised policy;
- c) Whether street vendors selling tobacco products also come under the purview of this policy; and
- d) Whether health hazards and spread of waste by these vendors have been considered and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) & (b): In order to protect the rights of urban street vendors and to regulate street vending activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has now enacted an Act namely the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 which came into force w.e.f. 1st May, 2014.

(c) & (d): All urban street vendors including the street vendors selling tobacco products will come under purview of the Act. As per provisions of the Act, it is obligatory on the street vendors to maintain cleanliness and public hygiene in the vending zones and adjoining areas. The aspect of health hazards will be regulated by the respective laws of the Central/State Government in this matter.
