

National Association of Street vendors of India (NASVI)

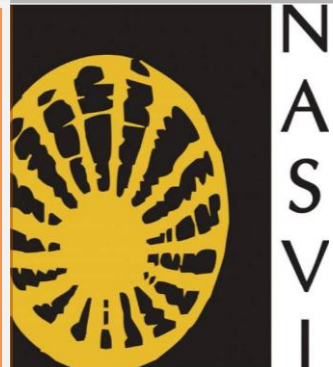
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NASVI organized North Zone webinar for Street vendors

Government officials, social activists, journalists and vendor leaders were the panelists.

National Association of street vendors of India organized a North Zone street vendor's webinar on 21th August, 2020 from 12 PM to 2 PM. Around, 500 vendors joined the webinar through zoom and facebook live. Panelists discussed the issues of street vendors amid COVID - 19 and how street vendors can take the benefit from government schemes.

The Panelists were -

- a) Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS Joint Secretary (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI,
- b) Shri Radhesh Kalra - Joint Deputy Director, Local Govt cum Additional Project Director (PSULM), SUDA Punjab,
- c) Shri. Harsh Mandar - Social activist, Pioneer of the law of street vending Act, Special Commissioner in Right to Food Campaign
- d) Shri Indu Prakash Singh - Human rights defender, famous crusader of Urban Poor in India ,
- e) Shri. Sidharth Mishra - Well- Known Journalist
- f) Vendor leaders – Smt Poornima Gupta, Smt. Matura Bai, Shri Tiger Singh (Punjab), Sri Sanjay Chopra (Uttrakhand) and Shri Gopal Singh Lodhi



Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS Joint Secretary (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI.

He explained the steps taken by government to support the street vendors. They are working in supporting the street vendors through loans to the vendors under PM SVANidhi Yojna and proper implementation of street vending Act – 2014.

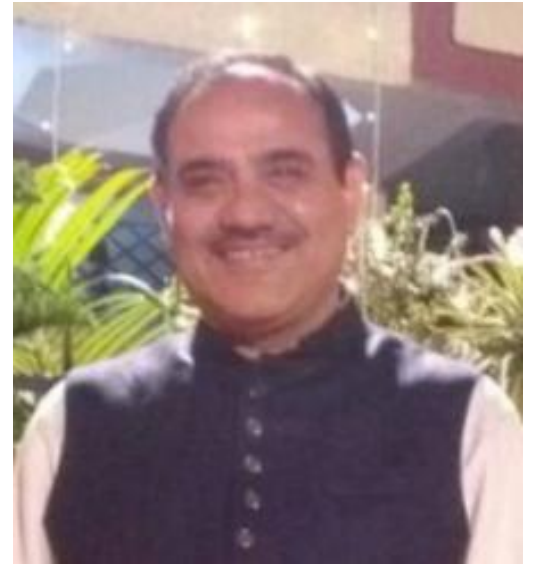


- PM SVANidhi Scheme is launched so that street vendors do not have to take loan from money lenders at high rates. Not only 10,000 scheme. If vendors repay on time, they have instructed the vending institution to help vendors with higher loans at next cycle (limit has not been set and is upto the banks). All beneficiaries are being asked to be on digital onboarding and they have talked to different platform like paytm, google pay, phonepe to onboard vendors free of cost. With digital payment, vendor will generate transaction history which will help in taking the loan later on.
- **Cash back facility to vendors** - after end of each month vendor will get some cash back upto Rs 100/. (Cash back will include all order of more than Rs 25/-. E.g. if the person will have 50 transactions of more than Rs 25, he will receive cash back of Rs 50/- at the end of the month. For the next 50 transaction, he will receive Rs 25/- i.e., for the next 100 transaction, he will receive Rs 25/.
- After the scheme was announced all states have covered subordinate registration i.e. to notify rules and schemes. All state have schemes have notified it now except for Sikkim where they are coordinating with them and if will be notified soon.
- In **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**, Street Vending Act – 2014 is not applicable. But request has been made to Home Ministry GoI to implement the Act there. At present, under special provision vendors can take benefit of the loans under the scheme. The work has already been started. Loans have started sanctioning in Jammu and Kashmir.
- **End to end IT solution for scheme** – i.e. no paper document print is required. Anybody can fill form online. If they need any help, they can go to Common service centre. Rs 50/- is the fee for filling the full application form. One can also take help from field functionaries of the banks and micro finance. An app has been prepared for them so that they can fill form and scan the documents and submit it.

- **Survey** – Survey has been completed in 2400 cities. They are still working on Metropolitan cities. E.g. Survey is done in Chennai and almost complete in Hyderabad. Started or yet to be started in Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Bangalore.
- **Where the survey has not been done** – the vendors have to submit letter of recommendation (LoR). Only TVC have power to conduct survey, certificate of vending etc. So due to legal challenge we are giving LoR. Vendors whose survey has not been done can apply for LoR and submit their documents like any supporting for financial institution or banks; any help they have received during COVID – 19 by state, if you are member of vendors association or if you have any challan/ documents from municipality etc. If anybody don't have any of the above documents, they can write a simple letter to municipality, they will have local verification and submit your form. After LoR, you are directly eligible for Loan. If somebody get LoR, it means municipality agree that person is vendor and have to give certificate of vending and identity card in a month.
- In the first phase 125 cities will get loan upto saturation i.e. if survey is done or not, everybody will get loan.
- They are working on the sub scheme on socio economic profiling of vendor to raise the vendors the urban poverty alleviation through various schemes like Pradhan Mantra Awas Yojna, ujwala cylinder, education to children, Ayushman Bharat etc. It will be full IT platform and field functionaries.
- Approx 5 lac applications have been received and 1,40,000 loans have been sanctioned. 40,000 have been done loan disbursement. Maximums loans have been sanctioned in Delhi followed by Chandigarh then Andaman & Nicobar Island. Union Bank followed by SBI the Bank of India have given maximum loans.
- From Delhi, they have received 7,000 applications. Most sanctions from north Delhi i.e. approx. 44 %. Due to court cases and schemes in court, we had a special meeting for Delhi area chaired by Hon'ble Secretary to review Delhi and to tell officials to not link it with survey or tah bazari.
- Hon'ble Minister organized a webinar meeting with all the Urban Development Ministers, director general of police, superintendent of police, District magistrate and municipal commissioners from selected 125 cities and instructed them PM SVANidhi beneficiary should be disturbed. They have promised us to help the vendors. Home secretary gave clear instructions to DGP to stop the harassments of street vendors.
- Grievance redressal is work in progress.
- Anybody coming from villages should apply for LoR. After enquiry they can take benefit from PM SVNidhi Scheme.
- Request NASVI to link your cooperative with PM SVANidhi Yojna so that we can work for the betterment of street vendors.

Sri Radhesh Kalra - Joint Deputy Director, Local Govt cum Additional Project Director (PSULM), SUDA Punjab.

— Mr Rajesh Kalra discussed the steps taken by Punjab government to help the street vendors of Punjab. He said Punjab have launched a portal yesterday to capture more data of street vendors. Every city and village have seva Kendra. In Punjab there are 87000 surveyed street vendors. Street vendors can also visit seva Kendra to get help free of cost and get their photo clicked. If they have been surveyed, they will be given certificate of vending (CoV) and ID card on the spot. They don't have to go to any ULB or corporation.



— Vendors who have not been surveyed can get themselves registered there. Their application will be given to ULB who'll get them verified and SMS will be sent on them after the verification. Vendors can then go to any Seva Kendra and collect their ID card and CoV.

— Ludhiana have received the most application.

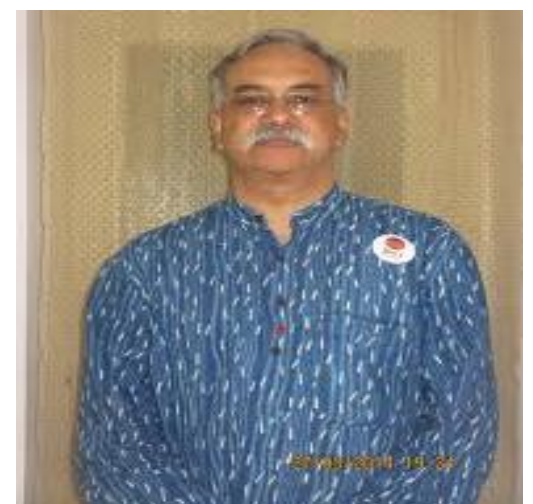
Shri. Harsh Mandar - Social activist, Pioneer of the law of street vending Act, Special Commissioner in Right to Food Campaign

Shri Harsh Mander said that Street vendors help the small producers and sell to consumers at low rates which is very beneficial for the economy. At present many people have lost their livelihood, so they are turning towards street vending as means of income. So it is very important to work for the support of street vendors.



Shri Indu Prakash Singh - Human rights defender, famous crusader of Urban Poor in India.

Shri Indu Prakash said the street vendors are the city makers (Nagar Nirmata). Street vendors already aatimnirbhar. Govt should help them more so that they can provide more for themselves and others. In Delhi RWAs are also creating issues



for street vendors. NASVI should do survey along with other vendors organization with govt so that more vendors are covered and they understand the issues better. He also suggested that NASVI should make film or video as suggested by Sanjay Chopra and also include words of PM and municipal commissioner and vendor leader to create more impact. We should also try to include in census for the next master plan.

Sidharth Mishra -

- Street Vendors is the last line of defense in supply line.
- During lockdown, when everything failed street vendors stood there alone.
- All the RWAs are against them. When swachhta Abhiyan starts, they harass the street vendors and call it Swachta Abhiyaan.



Shri Sanjay Chopra – Sanjay Chopra ji added till now, no street vendor have received loan of Rs 10,000. We should invite ministers and officials to a webinar/ Meeting and tell them the real picture of street vendors and how they are being harassed. After the scheme was announced, many ward parshads and other are trying to work on this scheme alone. Vendor's leaders should be responsible to helping the vendors and linking them to the scheme. He gave a suggestion to make a video (1-2 minute) so that common street vendor can understand the process of TVC or PM SVANidhi scheme and their rights for TV so that everybody can see it as till now many vendors don't have smartphone and they cannot understand it.



Smt Mathura Bai – Mathura Bai said even though vendor leaders are in TVC, their opinions are not taken in account. And there are no regular meetings. Especially in Delhi there is lot of harassment of the vendors. Police brutality is increasing day by day.

Shri Gopal Singh Lodhi – He said TVC is not invited in the meeting. Municipal Corporation is doing all the work as per their needs. There is no grievance committee so that vendors can take their problems.

Shri Tiger Singh – Tiger Singh ji said vendors should be allowed to carry with their livelihood so that they can repay the loan on time and take benefit from it. Police and Municipal Corporation harasses vendors. Government should give some power to TVC.

Questions asked by vendors -

- ✓ When they will receive certificate from NASVI.
- ✓ Why are the street vendors still harassed by the officials when we already have a Street Vending Act? If we are not allowed to work how do they expect us to repay the loan?
- ✓ Enquire about the latest order on the basis of which vendors are being harassed. On Anubharat Road Mehrauli, vendors are being evicted.
- ✓ Can we apply for the PM Svnidhi Loan with MCD slip of Rs 10/- of weekly market?
- ✓ When will government allow the reopening of weekly market? Weekly market vendors have not been able to earn since last 3 months.
- ✓ Please give directions to New Delhi Nagar Pallika Parishad to give loans to vendors under PM SVANidhi Scheme as the process here is very slow.
- ✓ Is it possible to remove voter ID from documents required for getting loans? Aadhar in itself is sufficient.
- ✓ Is it necessary for the vendors to be a part of 'street vendor zones' to avail the PM SVANIDHI scheme?
- ✓ The status of Jammu and Kashmir in implementing the scheme.
- ✓ Nagar Nigam officials told us that vendors who will receive certificate have to pay tax in future. Is it true?
- ✓ Banks are asking vendors for residential proof, PAN card, guarantee card and Voter card. SO many IDs are causing problem especially voter cards.