New Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

To,

Dated: 26th April, 2021

Shri Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister
Govt of NCT, Delhi

Subject : Impact of Lockdown on Street Vendors

Respected Sir,

Your decision of Lockdown of Delhi has resulted in Police creating havoc on Street Vendors . Even when vegetable and fruit vendors have been included in essential services, from Beat Constable to the SHO ,each of them have become the lord dictating closure to market, deciding timing of markets and imposing weird norms to vendor. Bribery even in this unprecedented time has increased considerably. We therefore urge you to:

a) Verify truth yourself from the street vendors regarding Police harassment and get a directive issued to the local Police from Police Commissioner. The directive must clearly spell out when Police can interfere in Street Vending The situation is more grave in and around Anand Vihar Terminal, Ghazipur Mandi, Okhla etc

b) Besides Vegetable and Fruit Vendors ,others are in a precarious condition as their livelihood is 'locked' in the lockdown. As 60,000 vendors have been surveyed by the agencies hired by Delhi Govt, they must be given Rs 6,000 immediately in their account so that they can feed their family and don't fall into debt trap.

c) Allow food vendors to do their business during lockdown as large number of people depend on them for cheaper food.

We on our part are have been training food vendors under FOSTAC of FSSAI and are willing to do anything to ameliorate the conditions of vendors.

Thanking You
With warm regards

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CC: 1) LG, Delhi;
2) Police Commissioner, Delhi