



# National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

To  
**Shri Naveen Patnaik**  
Honorable Chief Minister  
Odisha

Date: 14/04/2021

**Subject: Threat to livelihood and survival of street vendors of State due to emergent restrictions in COVID phase two**

**Respected Sir**

Responses of States and local administration to street vendors are more scary than the COVID 19 itself. We are getting reports of undue restrictions, harassment and even heavy fines imposed on street vendors. We had a meeting of our National Executive body and we felt that an advisory must be issued at your end.

- a) Allow all street vendors with identity card, certificate of vending and those with PMSVANIDHI loan to do vending albeit with specified safety conditions. Local Administration is becoming too harsh and getting markets shut restricting their hours of business even during day time. Not being able to vend could have disastrous impact this time including nonpayment of loans.
- b) Night curfew should be imposed from 10P.M. Many places Police start removing vendors from evening itself .How can the evening vendors survive?
- c) Involve Town Vending Members (in regulation and weeding away persons who have taken to vending but have not been vendors before 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 when the first circular for identification of vendors for was issued.
- d) Street Vendors must be vaccinated on priority basis.
- e) Municipal Corporation must come forward to support vendors with emergency ration and hygiene kit like mask, sanitizers etc
- f) PMSVANIDHI to SAMRIDHI is a wonderful scheme which must be popularized .Not enough is being done to promote linkage under it.
- g) Vendors identified through PMSVANIDHI must be supported financially



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- h) Role of Police comes up again and again. Sensing the weakness they have begun harassing unnecessarily. Home Ministry must issue a circular to rein in the Police and to sensitize the Police

Thanking You

With warm regards

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