



National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

To
Shri Uddhav Bal Thackeray
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Maharashtra

Date: 19/04/2021

Subject: Threat to livelihood and survival of street vendors due to emergent restrictions in COVID phase two - Request to save life and livelihoods

Respected Sir

Greetings from NASVI!

We thank you very much for your decision to support of rs 1500 to street vendors in ongoing Lockdown. We can understand that lockdown is the only option in COVID - 2nd Phase, But street vendors and hawkers living on street have suffered a huge loss. Their financial losses have still not fully recovered after the last lockdown. The second lockdown will ruin their lives.

Although, the financial support announced by the state will provide some relief to the registered Street vendors. However a large number of vendors have not registered yet and they will not get any help from any means.

We got the report that responses of States and local administration to street vendors are more scary than the COVID 19 and lockdown itself. We felt that an advisory must be issued at your end as.

- a) All street vendors should be registered soon and financial assistance should be provided
- b) Allow all street vendors with issuing identity card, certificate of vending 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.
- c) Involve Town Vending Members (in regulation and weeding away persons who have taken to vending but have not been vendors before 22nd March 2020 when the first circular for identification of vendors for was issued.
- d) Street Vendors must be vaccinated on priority basis.



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- 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
- 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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