

## NASVI - Executive Committee E- Meeting on Date - 08 May 2021

On May 8, 2021, an Emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of NASVI was held. In this meeting, representatives from those states were also invited, from which no members were in the Executive, so that the situation of the whole country can be known. The following members participated in it,

- 1. Mr. Chandraprakash Singh
- 2. Shri Arbind Singh
- 3. Mr. Sanjay Chopra
- 4. Shri Gopal Singh Lodhi
- 5. Shri Bhaskar Urs
- 6. Mr. Pritam Singh
- 7. Mr. Tiger Singh
- 8. Shri Gokul Prasad
- 9. Shri Abhishek Nigam
- 10. Mr. Debjit Senapati
- 11. Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Upadhyay
- 12. Shri Anwar Shirathi
- 13. Shri Ghanshyam Parmar

- 14. Shri R. Shaliwan
- 15. Mrs. Chandra Rekha Pandey
- 16. Mrs. Purnima Gupta
- 17. Shri V. Mangeshwaran
- 18. Shri Daya Shankar Singh
- 19. Mrs. Pochama
- 20. Shri Om Prakash Deora
- 21. Mrs. Renu Sharma

## **Invited member**

- 22. Shri Maheshwar Bal
- 23. Shri Alok Pandey
- 23. Ram Milan Gaur

**First President Shri Chandraprakash** Singh, while welcoming all the members, put the agenda of today's meeting in front of the members, which is as follows –

- Impact of COVID-19 Phase II and lock down on street vendors of India
- Affidavit by members for section 12-A in Income Tax Department
- Other

The meeting was started with the adoption of agenda - he said that this second wave of Covid is a very dangerous time for street vendors. They have lost their livelihood and are also affected by COVID, even death also. Last year, Government of India issued a guideline, which was followed in each state, but at this time the state has issued instructions which are not very clear and neither are there to understand. Therefore, we would like to understand from the state representatives and executive members what the present situation is-

**Mr. Tiger Singh-** The situation of vendors in Punjab is very bad. Harassment by police and Municipal Corporation has increased manifold. Fines are also being made on the vendors. We need to talk to the government, Write letters to the PM and CM for guidelines on regular basis. PM –SVANidhi is a very good plan. But in the present time, we are unable to repay the loan. We should also seek relief for the vendors.



**Mr. R. Shalivan:** There is no lock down in Telangana, but police harassment has increased manifold. In Sultan Bazar - Metro is currently charging rent from vendors. 33 vendors were commissioned with the help of NASVI. But vendors are unable to earn and hence unable to pay rent. Write a letter to the Telangana government that they need to support vendors with ration.

**Mrs. Pochamma**: The sale time is from 9 am to 6 pm in Telangana. Also Section 144 is also applicable. The sale is not good

**Mr. Anwar Serathi**: Food vendors are the most troublesome in Karnataka. No business is going on. Food vendors who are doing something, their food is ruined due to lack of sales, they are unable to pay the fare. PM-SVANidhi is unable to pay.

**Shri Bhaskar Urs** - Only vegetables and fruits are allowed to vend in Karnataka. Government of India and State Government should give clear guidelines about TVC. TVC meetings should be continued, this can be from Zoom or other online platforms. Women sellers are the most affected as they are mostly selling clothes.

**Mr. V Mangeswaran:** Lockdown has been done in Tamil Nadu from 10 to 14 May. Only fruits and vegetables are allowed to sell till 12 noon. The new government announced that it will provide financial assistance of Rs 4000 to the poor. In May will only give 2000. But more work will have to be done for the vendors. We wrote a letter to the government to allow food vendors till evening for delivery as hotels have been allowed for delivery.

Mr. Pritam Singh- In Odisha, COVID has impacted a lot. Many vendors have also lost their lives. The government is giving rice to the poor. But they should give Rs 5000. Vegetables, fruits are allowed. Other vendors are not allowed. Till May 19, the lockdown is continue. We will also meet the DM to support vendors.

**Mr. Maheshwar Bal** - Local vendors are facing more problem in Odisha, Bhubaneswar - Apart from vegitable and Fruit vendors, other vendors need more ration and are unable to make a living. 3 suggestions

- Vaccination is important for vendors. NASVI is requested to write to the government on its own.
- For interim stay of vendors, Rs 5000 and Ration should be helped.
- PM-SVANidhi repay the loan is very challenging

**Ms. Chandra Rekha Pandey:** West Bengal - A new government has been formed. There is a mini lockdown but the local train has been closed. Food vendors and clothing vendors have the most



trouble. The new government has not announced any relief. A lockdown may be declared after a few days. Need to write to the Government of Bengal to give some relief as Cash with 5000 rupees should be provided with a ration kit.

**Shri Debojit Senapati: Assam** - The position of COVID is the same as everywhere. But the other problem in Assam is that the price of all things has gone up. In Guwahati, vendors are allowed to sell from 9 am to 12 noon. Vegetables / fruits may survive but other vendors are facing difficulty. Assam does not have a chief minister, so there is no decision-making person in the state.

**Shri Abhishek Nigam:** In Uttar Pradesh - Vegetables and fruits are allowed to be sold at 7 - 11 am and in the evening till 5-7 pm. Other vendors need immediate relief. There are calls from the bank to deposit a loan for SVANIDHI Scheme, but the vendors are unable to make the payment right now, either at the moment it should be canceled or the remaining loan is forgiven.

**Mr. Gokul Prasad:** In Uttar Pradesh, no vendor can repay SVANidhi. Therefore it should be forgiven. We should be given relief and ration by the government. Police and municipality should not be disturbed to vendors in this epidemic. ID card and vending license is not given. TVC is not being consulted.

**Shri Gopal Singh Lodhi:** Madhya Pradesh - Only vegetables and fruits are allowed from 11 am to 7 pm. We are facing a lot of harassment by the police. They are unnecessarily taking bribes and fines. It would be better if the vendors are provided with material from Nasvi. It is very important to talk to the government because the local government is not listening. We are organizing a state level zoom meeting soon.

**Mr. Sanjay Chopra ji** - The situation in Uttarakhand is getting worse and worse. The vendors who have been surveyed should be given ration and relief amount. They should be vaccinated. PM-SVANIDHi should be exempted from this condition.

**Mrs. Renu Sharma:** Lockdown has been going on in Rajasthan since about 2 months. Food vendors have been unable to sustain their livelihood. There is still a problem of hunger, a letter should be written to the government to allow food vendors.

**Shri Om Prakash Devda: Rajasthan -** Vegetables and fruits allowed to sell from 11 to 5 pm. What about other vendors? No support from state and central government. Liquor store is allowed but vendors are not allowed. Vendors will be forced to commit suicide. Not earning anything. Sellers who



have been surveyed should be given a three-month ration and relief amount. For this, write to the Central and State Government. PM-SVANIDHi should be relaxed.

**Shri Dayashankar Singh: Maharastra** - vegetable / fruit vendors are allowed. Disabled food vendors are allowed and delivery takes place. The government had announced to give Rs. 1500 to the vendors; PM-SVANIDHI's form was filled, they are getting money. We are still waiting for the lockdown to end. A letter should be written to all CMs to give relief to the vendors.

**Mrs Poornima Gupta** - Police in Delhi is worse than COVID epidemic. Police brutality has increased manifold. They are taking bribes and harassing Vendras. Many sellers have to earn and their family members are not well. 5000 rupees should be given to the sellers of Delhi.

**Shri Ghanshyam Parmar** - The situation in Gujarat is the same as everywhere. Vendors are being affected. Vendors are allowed to sell. The police are not causing any problem but people are afraid to eat food from outside.

**Mr. Alok Pandey** - Vendors in Chhattisgarh are in very bad condition. Most vendors of PM-Swanidhi have not got loan. For this, a demand should be made to the State Government for direct transfer of vendors to the account. A helpline number should be issued at the national level for the vendors so that the vendors can give their problems directly to the NASI office. Vendors are also afraid of their health.

**Shri Arbind Singh - Coordinator** said that after hearing all the things, we come to the conclusion that we should make the following action plan –

- Last week in Delhi, the Vendors Leaders wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Police clearly about the incident in the Bazaar. The Commissioner of Police called the meeting and gave very detailed instructions to the local police station area. Therefore, we have to tell a very specific written incident related to the police.
- Helpline number will be issued by NASVI for the whole of India so that vendors can share their very specific issues. We will make specific complaint to the dedicated officer / administration.
- A letter will be written on behalf of NASVI to the DGP of all the states that they should instruct the police to be sensitive to the vendors as fruits and vegetables have been included in the essential services.
- Identify the 10 states in which the Grievance Redressal Committee has been formed and send them a letter on the issue of vendors.
- Street vendors should also be vaccinated as a priority.



- There should be some concession in the deposit of PM-SVANIDHi loan now; the bank should also request it.
- TVC should be given priority in case of vending. TVC should continue the meeting which
  could be Zoom or other online platform. Such a proposal should be made to MoHUA Minister and Secretary.
- All the identified vendors should be given interim financial assistance of Rs. 5000 and 2 months of raison.
- List of the vendors who died due to Covid-19, by the Executive Committee of the respective states to ask for help.
- Through social media, the government and officials should be sensitized.
- Food vendors should be allowed.
- A letter should also be written to the agency (metro) charging fees from vendors for relaxation .
- Meeting with all Affiliated member organizations at national level soon.

## Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Upadhyay - Treasurer proposed that

**Proposal 1-** For the necessary paperwork and action for legal process and signature on filing 12AA, and renewal of FCRA and 80G application, coordinate Sri Arbind Singh should be authorized.

**Proposal 2**- Under the 12AA of the Income Tax Act, all executive committee members are required to give an affidavit to the department, which is required to be given with a stamp of Rs 10 / attested by a notary.

All the present members expressed their consent on both the proposals.

At the end of the meeting, President Mr. Chandra Prakash Singh focused on the main issues of the meeting which needed to be done.

- The NASVI office will work promptly on the issues brought to the meeting today.
- Vendors who have been surveyed should be given three months ration and relief amount. For this, it will be written to the central and state government.
- Police brutality is increasing in this lock-down. A good action plan has been prepared on this.
- Vendors should also be vaccinated on a priority basis.
- PM-SVANIDHi should be exempted from the given status.
- Street vendors who have died from COVID, we should prepare a list, so that we can take some steps for their cooperation as well.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chairman.





