



National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

PRESS RELEASE

NASVI launches a Helpline for Street Vendors on Police Brutality

Vendor leaders Shared cases of Police Harassment

Advocates, Ex-Police Officer and Activist attended the webinar

Demand to constitute a joint committee on Harassment issues

Delhi 15th May, 2021; The National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) launched a national level helpline number for the police brutality on the street vendors. After the COVID 19 - lockdown, the harassment and brutality of street vendors have increased manifold. Vendors are also scared to complain about the harassment to police and higher authorities. Now, street vendors can complain and share their issues with NASVI with this helpline number and E mails also, Said Mr. Arbind Singh, Coordinator of NASVI during a webinar organized today. The number and e mail ID is given here.

Helpline no - 9835674364

Email - help@nasvinet.org

The helpline number was launched in a webinar by Sri Chandra Prakash Singh – President NASVI. He assured that NASVI will provide all kind of Support in Police brutality and harassment cases related to their Livelihoods.

Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, suggested that letter to DGP and Commissioner of Police to constitute a Joint Committee with have other officer as a part of this committee on the harassment issues.

Shri Ajit kumar, a vendors from Patna said police use to harass us and seize our things. I agitated. He hit me brutally. With the help of NASVI, we went to Human Rights and complain against him. But I am not very sure if I'll be helped.

Sri BabuLal, from Delhi, is a vendor of Shahdra zone, shared his story that how his brother was killed by police in station. When he court cased against the police officer, the police started harassing him and his family to take back the complaint. The eye witness was also killed. The court granted him protection. After long struggle, the court ruled in his favour, giving death sentence to police office. BabuLal ji had tattooed his chest "Zulm karne waalon se Zulm sehne waal gunahgaar hai". He told all the vendors to keep up their fight against their harassment.

Md. Anwar from Karnataka also shared video and experience how police is harassing and Beating the street vendors in Savnur Block of Haveri District. in Karnataka. Even though vegetable/ fruits vendors are allowed in essential services, police damaged all the vegetables and destroyed their carts.



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Sri Harsmandar, a famous Social Activist and Former IAS appeal to vendors to “Be Unite: Be Struggle”

Sri Amod Kant, former DCP of Delhi and Founder of Prayash organisation promise to provide all kind of Support.

Smt. Daymanti Sri Dharan from FES, Delhi asks that this struggle has been fought by NASVI for a long time; it is not known how long it will result. When will vendors get their livelihood?

The webinar was attended by more than 400 leaders of Street vendors across the country through Zoom and Face book.

Link to the webinar - <https://fb.watch/5vi1-i9luO/>

Thanking You

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Participants in the Zoom meeting include: Sonu Kumar, Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Arbind Singh, Aji Sachinwadi, Anwar - Karnataka, Chandra Prakash Singh, Ravinder Choura..., Wajih Aziz, Babu Lal Son, Ms. Damyanti Sridharan, Girender Pandit, and Ms. Jyoti Rawal.

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