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Government of India
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
UPA-II

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: - 3rd April, 2020

To,
Principal Secretary (UD/LSG)
All States/UTs

Subject: Allowing identified urban street vendors to sell essential items during lockdown period due to COVID-19 - regarding.
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-D, dated March 24, 2020, inter-alia, imposing restrictions on the operation of commercial and private establishments while providing certain exemptions for provision of essential services such as food, groceries, fruits, vegetables etc. The district authorities have been encouraged to facilitate home delivery to minimize movement of individuals outside their homes.

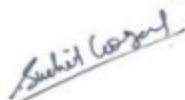
2. The urban street vendors are facing the risk of losing their livelihoods during the period of lockdown. They play an important role in supply of essential items like groceries, fruits and vegetables to the citizens at affordable prices. ULBs have already identified the street vendors as per the provisions of the Street Vendors Act, 2014 and issued certificates of vending and identity cards to them.

3. Therefore, in order to encourage the home delivery of essential items like groceries, fruits and vegetables, it is advised that the street vendors carrying valid identity card/ certificate of vending, may be allowed to carry on their business subject to the restrictions imposed by the district authorities. However, restrictions may continue to be imposed on the street food vendors, as they may result in congregation of persons, violating the restrictions of the lockdown.

4. The street vendors, thus allowed, need to ensure cleanliness of carts, maintain personal hygiene, follow social distancing and use sanitizers/hand wash with soap as per Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Guidelines.

5. It is requested that appropriate instructions in this regard may be issued, with intimation to the Central Government, to the local and district authorities accordingly. That should be followed up with review through Video Conference.

Yours faithfully,



(Suchit Goyal)
For Under Secretary to the Government of India