

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

13TH – 14TH July, 2017



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MINUTES OF MEETING

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DAY 1

Two day executive meeting was organized at Tivoli Garden Resort Hotel (Chhattarpur Hills, Near Chhattarpur Mandir, Mehrauli, Chhattarpur Road, New Delhi on 13th and 14th July, 2017. Ms. Leelavathi from Tamil Nadu and Mr. T. Venkateshwar could not attend the Executive Meeting due to unavoidable reasons. Ms. Sonal Sinha from Bihar has resigned. The Bihar Committee has recommended name of the previous representative – Ms. Chandrawati Devi.

The meeting started with action and views from the states, (EC Members presented states reports on membership and also status of ACT in their state).

Debajit (Assam) – He informed that government in Assam has changed. Earlier government was working for the street vendors but new government is ignoring them. Recently vendors were evicted from a vending zone without any prior notice in which he was also arrested. Officials are saying they will also remove other markets.

He further informed about the death of vendor who died after sustaining injuries after being harassed by the police. So at present they are trying to improve the situations of vendors there.

Pritam Singh (Odisha) – Pritam Singh informed the members about the new State President and State Secretary of Odisha i.e. Mr. Mangeshwaran Bal (State President) and Ms. Sujata Sahu (State Secretary). He said he had a meeting with them last week.

Pritam Singh further informed that organisation is very weak in Odisha. They are not very active. He tried to contact them but some mobile were switched off, some were changed and some members were not interested.

He said they are also planning to meet in Bhubaneswar and invited all the EC members to the meeting. He also shared that in Chandipur, officials removed forty vendors near the bus stop. For those vendors, forty new shops were given to them near that area.

He said that in Bargarh, vendors from Lal bahadur Sangathan were evicted. They went to High Court and won the legal battle. Since then, no one has removed them. He further informed that trade license is also given to street vendors. Vending Zones have been identified in Odisha. Municipal officials are saying that street vendors will be shifted there. So they are happy with this decision.

Abhishek Nigam – Varanasi – Uttar Pradesh – He said that new government is against vendors in Uttar Pradesh. Old TVC has been discharged. New TVC is formed and they have included parshads who are against vendors.

He shared that in there was a protest in Balia. Four street vendors tried to commit suicide. He went there to stop them. He told them about their rights and the Act. He suggested that we still have to create awareness among street vendors about the Act and their rights and how NASVI is working for their betterment.

Gopal Singh Lodhi – Madhya Pradesh – He informed that in MP 2011 Act is abolished and now Street vending Act 2014 is used. As per the government, this Act will be implemented in six months.

He further informed that they are also working with the Municipal Corporation for TVC. He said that in Madhya Pradesh also, street vendors are not aware about the Street Vending Act. At present, they are trying to implement rules properly in the state.

Jabalpur is in Smart Cities List. So they had a meeting with Municipal Corporation officials that street vendors should also be smart in smart city. He said Commissioner informed them that they are planning 3-level multi level market for them. They asked NASVI if they have any model for this.

Manali Shah said that officials are trying to close street vendors in multi storey market. These markets are not very feasible for vendors.

Dayashankar from Mumbai said that this type of market is also there in Dadar, Mumbai. It is not successful.

Arbind Singh said that if they allow us to plan the market, then we can plan it as we can design it which is street vendors friendly. . He also shared an example of market near Common Wealth Games Stadium when street vendors were provided with underground storage to keep their stuff after their vending hours.

Champa Ben shared about a similar underground storage market in Ahmedabad. She said that is very convenient for vendors.

M. Mangeshwaran from Tamil Nadu shared the experience of 3-level multilevel market Chennai. He said there were no proper planning and no proper design. Vendors on 3rd floor were upset as less people come there. After the lift stopped worked their business was further affected. One vendor also committed suicide by jumping from the 3rd floor. The vendors also collected money for repairing the lift but the vendors from ground and first floor were not ready to contribute as they do not need the lift. So they met the Municipal Officials to organize events or special markets on top floor which can attract people.

Manali Ben suggested that we should document multistory market. Interview the vendors and show it to officials so that they can understand the problems which vendors face. She added that we should work for inclusive growth. We should also prepare guidelines with our experience that how vending zones can be demarcated.

Rakesh Tripathi said that the implementation of plan in small town as per the guidelines of Ministry is very difficult in small towns.

Arbind Singh shared how Nisish Kumar changed the guidelines for better after reading them in meeting. Guidelines for Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh are good.

Tikam Singh from team NASVI showed his presentation about the project of Street Vending Plan in Dehradun. He showed the work done, plan of the vending zones and design of carts.

Arbind Singh asked the members for suggestion as they are still preparing the cart prototype.

Manali Shah suggested that carts should be attractive and of low cost.

Arbind Singh said we can also add carts as per cost categories.

Gokul Prasad from Lucknow – Uttar Pradesh informed that officials said that TVC will be formed in Lucknow by 15th July and survey work will start within a month i.e. by 15th August and vending zones will be formed by 15th October. He further added that as per the guidelines there will 10 street vendors in TVC of Nagar Palika, 20 street vendors in TVC of Municipal Council and 40 street vendors in the TVC of Municipal Corporation.

He also informed about the eviction in Hapur and Ghaziabad. Pappan ji and Anand ji went to High Court but they rejected their plea. He added that Nagar Nigam have no intention of helping street vendors so they should start a new campaign to attract their attention.

Arbind Singh suggested that we should also prepare a database of Municipal Officers.

Abhishek Nigam informed that nagar Nigam got around 30000 postcards during postcard campaign after which they gave order for the protection of street vendors. So these kinds of campaigns are good for vendors.

Manali Shah shared that every Diwali the vendors of Ahmedabad give sweets and handmade cards to police to thank them for protecting them. In this way they are also helpful during other situations.

Arbind Singh shared that we can start some campaign like that of waste management.

Abhishek Nigam told everyone that vendors segregate their waste and try to keep their markets clean. They have also put the flex with message "Kuda Kudedaan Mein". So it gives a very good message.

Lodhi Ji and Shikha Joshi informed that they got MP rules after this campaign only. Postcard Campaign is very effective.

Shikha Ben added that Waste disposal campaign is a very good idea.

Champa Ben shared her experience that in SDM market, vendors were evicted. She met the commissioner who complained that vendors make this place very dirty. She promised him about improving the situation.

So they banned polythene plastics bags and used other material bags. They asked customers to carry their bag/ jhola or pay for their bags. This campaign was very successful and commissioner was very happy.

Sagar Yadav – Delhi – He shared an NGO in Delhi "Sacha Sodha" only organize a campaign a year to create awareness among people. We need to do such campaigns.

Tiger Singh – Punjab – He told everybody about TVC training programme in Ludhiana which was a success. He thanked NASVI for the support. He also shared the success of postcard campaign with all. Media hype was there. He said Nagar Nigam contacted him for this. Survey of street vendors in Ludhiana is also under progress. TVC Meeting was also scheduled on 7th July, 2017 but was cancelled due to protest by two officers who were suspended by Navjot Singh Sidhu on corruption charges. He added that at present Sidhu – Urban development minister of Punjab is very active and we should meet him.

He also asked for the action plan for the cooperative society in Ludhiana.

M. Mangeshwaran – Tamil Nadu informed that implementation of Act has started in Tamil Nadu. Survey has been completed in many towns. One agency is doing survey in all the towns. He said that the areas where there is no organisation/ union, survey is very difficult. Further municipality person go with the surveyor and identify the vendors. Municipal Corporation gave presentation on the survey and has included 11 Municipal Corporation and 125 Municipalities with around 64000 vendors. Mangeshwaran ji informed them that there are many more vendors than this figure.

He said that the municipalities also do not inform the vendors before the survey. Municipalities are also planning to give carts on subsidy or free to vendors. They are also planning to make 300 sq ft cloak room in vending zone for the vendors.

He added that post card campaign was a huge success in Tamil Nadu and it also created awareness.

Bhaskurs Urs – Karnataka – He said that there are approximately 1.5 lakh vendors in Bangalore. TVC is only in Mysore and Bangalore. In Mysore they take municipality monthly charges i.e. Rs 1000 from food vendor, Rs 500 for other vendor, Rs 400 and Rs 350 from fruits and vegetable vendors; Rs 1000 from cloths vendor, Rs 200 from hawker and Rs 100 from Mochi.

He added that ID card have been given to street vendors in Mysore but have taken 72 cards back due to some reason. He said they need to meet Urban Development Minister – Mr. Roshan Baig regarding the street vendors' problem.

Sonia George – Kerala – She informed in TVC there is no vendor representation. TVC is also not in proper shape. There also no coordination of NASVI with southern states.

Champa Ben – Gujarat – She said TVC is there but under policy. Representation of street vendors in TVC is not proper. Survey has been done by private company. They are paying college students to do the survey. But students are not doing the survey properly.

Arbind Singh suggested that she should ask for verification from Nagar Nigam.

Champa Ben added that we should also tell the vendors that what details a street vendor should give to surveyor. She added that in rules, the government had excluded unions and association from TVC. She said that Baroda union also files case that the survey conducted is not proper.

Sagar Yadav – Delhi – He said that in last few days there has been harassment and turmoil among the street vendors of Delhi. Continuous eviction was going on in violation of Street Vendors Act. Vendors from 36 markets of Delhi have been evicted on LG order. NASVI have contacted Lieutenant Governor of Delhi – Shri Anil Baijal and Special Secretary Ms. Swati Sharma regarding the issue. They also met Manoj Tiwari regarding the same.

Dayashankar ji – Maharashtra – He said the High Court ruled that street food vendors didn't come under the preview of street Vending Act – 2014. When appealed to the Supreme Court; The Supreme Court refused to reverse the order. Virat Morcha and Dharma was organised in Azad Hawkers Union in Mumbai on 22nd June, 2017 against the high court decision.

He added that present government is against street vendors and we need to pressurize government to protect street vendors. At present in Jalgaon and Balia, they are working on the formation of TVC. In Mumbai, there was an advertisement for the formation of TVC in one newspaper only "Jansatta" but till now no TVC has been formed.

O P Deora – Rajasthan – He said after the change of CEO in Jodhpur Nagar nigam, no work has been done in the last thirteen months. In Kota also, there is no progress in work. He said that street vendors in Balotra were harassed and evicted. He visited Balotra and discussed the issues of vendors with the Chairman – Nagar Nigam and SDM with Mohammad Irfan Qureshi, Babu Ram, Ranchod Ram, Tarachand Khedlwal, Ratni Devi and others vendors. There was also eviction in Mount Abu.

C P Singh – Bihar – he said we also need to educate vendors about traffic discipline and we also need to work on waste disposal in the market area.

Rakesh Tripathi presented the Bihar report

Coordinator report presented by Arbind Singh

LUNCH

After Lunch there was Election of Office Bearer

As Ms. Sonal Sinha from Bihar resigned, the Bihar Committee recommended the name of the previous representative – Ms. Chandrawati Devi. Mr. T Venkateshwar from Andhra Pradesh has also resigned; the A.P Committee recommended the name of Ms. Bantu Pilli Latha. All the present EC approved them as new EC members.

Three more EC members will be co-opted by the present EC.

Arbind Singh suggested that we should take 2 EC from south to have better representation of Street vendors. He suggested Sanjay Chopra from Uttarakhand; Rajjanna from Karnataka and Ranjit from Kerala.

Sanjay Chopra from Uttarakhand and Rajjanna from Karnataka were selected as new EC members. The last EC member will be finalized in office bearer meeting.

The **new office bearer** is as follow:

- Arbind Singh (National Coordinator)
- Manali Shah (President)
- C. P Singh (Vice President - North)
- Bhaskar Urs (Vice President - South)
- Tiger Singh (Secretary – North)
- M. Mangeshwaran (Secretary – South)
- Kamalesh Kumar Upadhyay (Treasurer)

DAY 2

Day 2 started with **membership status**. Muskan presented the membership status of all states.

Manali Ben suggested that state wise data of the states should be sent to respective EC member before the EC Meeting.

Arbind Singh explained the membership report.

Manali Ben said that in some cases, NASVI is involved directly, so NASVI should make sure that market should pay the membership fee. Organisations should pay actual membership fee.

Dayashankar ji suggested that we should update the organisation with the help of EC.

Manali Ben said that state structure should verify unions and their membership

Arbind Singh suggested that EC should submit report after campaign/ meetings what we organisations are active. Muskan and Rukman can submit which organizations are active after campaigns.

Shikha Joshi suggested that leaders should keep on doing some activities whole year. We need a strategy from whole year.

Pritam Singh said that although MIS shows many organisations, very less are active on actual ground. So after every six months, state structures can send report to EC and coordinator.

Arbind Singh asked Dayashankar Singh how cooperative society affected the membership.

Dayashankar ji said the membership increased and everyone renews their membership every year. Financial inflow is there.

Arbind Singh said we need to stay connected with street vendors through campaigns or meetings or cooperative.

Champa Ben said she agrees with Arbind Singh and it will also help vendors financially.

Shika Ben suggested that we can also connect with vendors through social security schemes.

Manali Ben said that SEWA organize health camps after every couple of months for check up/ medicines etc for vendors. She suggested we can connect to some national hospitals through CSR for the vendors health check up.

Manali ben said that NASVI can organise minimum of two campaigns a year. Some of the campaigns as decided in the meeting are as follows:

- Cleaner markets – waste disposal in market campaign
- Polythene bags reduction in market campaign
- Social Security campaign
- Health camps for vendors

She said we need a campaign to increase visibility of vendors.

Tiger Singh suggested that we should take Cleaner markets – waste disposal in market campaign first.

Sonia George – Kerala suggested that we should be clear about campaigns. There are two types of campaigns:

- Political campaigns – fights for rights of street vendors, formations of TVC, implementation of rules and schemes.
- Development Campaigns – Cleaner markets, postcard campaign, polythene bags banning campaign.

We should prioritize the campaign for each sector.

She further said that campaigns like Polythene bags campaign should be by organisations names.

And we also need to plan this campaign properly. We need to have strategy and format and share with all members for the success of campaigns.

Gokul ji suggested said he agree with Sonia Ben that we need to have some format before the campaign.

Arbind Singh said that Grievance Committee is also important. It will work on political issues.

M. Mangeshwaran suggested that we need to increase membership fee. We also need to work on structure. He suggested that we can also have campaigns on the awareness of street vending act and how survey will be done.

Manali Ben summarized the decisions:

- We need to work on campaign – development and political.
- We will take “Cleaner Markets – Waste Disposal in Market Campaign” first.
- We need to have strong membership.
- Will form Cooperatives in states for financial inflow.
- New Membership fee will be discussed in Office Bearer Meeting and share with all in next EC meeting.

Sonia George said cooperatives are not successful in every state especially after GST and demonetization.

Champa Ben said it is about responsible person in any cooperative. Kanta Ben of SEWA cooperative is neither that much educated and is very young. But she is very responsible and vendors trust her. She is even selected in the Boards of Directors of cooperative.

Shikha Ben agreed with Champa Ben. She said that MP has five cooperative and good collection is there. So different states have different scenarios.

Manali Ben also suggested that Muskan should add comments on forms.

Financial Report (March 2017 – June 2017)

Audit report 2016 – 2017

Financial report from March 2017 to June 2017 was presented by Kamlesh Upadhyay. After financial report he presented the Audit report of the year 2016 – 2017.

After the audit report, Shikha Ben suggested that cooperatives are now under GST. So we have to check that also.

Arbind Singh read the minutes of Annual General Meeting – 2017 and EC Meeting – December 2016.

As per the EC Meeting December 2016 minutes we need lawyers Forum – Arbind Singh explained that we already had a forum but it was difficult for lawyers to travel. So now we need proper legal network for NASVI who will work on cases only. NASVI also need to hire some lawyer.

Arbind Singh explained that if we are not able to implement the Act in 4-5 year, they will declare it as failure. Fortunately, the Act is being implemented in many states. But we need somebody to feed news to follow up with these.

He said we can have an email group or Whatsapp group of lawyers and street vendor leaders who are interested in legal like Dayashankar Ji, Banwari Lal Ji, Geeta Ben Etc.

Gokul ji suggested that we need some lawyers who are interested in street vending. We need to identify that kind of lawyers.

Rakesh Tripathi said that mostly in court cases are against encroachment not street vendors. We need somebody who will be present in court to tell them about street vendors. Lawyer can also file plea for common judgement.

Manali Ben suggested that we need competent lawyer in NASI. We can also list out the lawyers with us state wise who will feed information. Right now there are many vendor cases are there.

Another follow up from December 2016 EC meeting was Media Cell.

Arbind Singh said that we are doing that through social media, website etc. He further suggested that should prepare a list of media person from respective states.

Arbind Singh also suggested to form an email and Whatsapp group of EC, State President and State secretary to send report. Also we will send an SMS to confirm.

He also suggested a group of UD Ministers, UD officers and District magistrate to share information or updates.

He also asked members that if they want to organize any TVC training or leadership training in any city, NASVI can send the trainer. And will bear the expense of food, IEC material and venue.

Gopal Lodhi Ji suggested a meeting with State president and secretaries also.

NASVI Staff gave introduced themselves and shared about their work and experiences.

EC meeting came to the end with the group photo of all members.