



National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

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To

Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS

Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh
Chandigarh Administration

Subject: Representation against eviction and forced relocation of street vendors in Chandigarh — violation of Street Vendors Act, 2014

Respected Sir,

This representation is submitted on behalf of the affected street vendors in Chandigarh regarding the ongoing eviction and forced relocation actions being undertaken by the local administration.

Vendors who have been vending at their long-established locations for several years are being compelled to shift to newly-designated vending sites nearly **10–15 kilometres** away, including an **IT Park / forest-buffer stretch** with negligible public access and market footfall. These locations have reportedly been identified **without consultation with vendor bodies or Town Vending Committee (TVC) members**.

During these drives, vendor stalls have been demolished, vending materials and utensils confiscated, and penalties ranging from **₹2,000 to ₹3,500** imposed — resulting in severe livelihood disruption and economic hardship for daily-wage vendors and their families.

These actions appear inconsistent with the mandate of the **Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014**, particularly with respect to:

- Protection against arbitrary eviction and relocation
- Participatory determination of vending zones
- Recognition of livelihood protection as a statutory right

In this context, we respectfully request your intervention to:

1. **Direct immediate cessation of demolitions, confiscations, and penal actions;**
2. **Suspend forced relocation until due process and TVC consultation are ensured;**
3. **Undertake review and redesignation of vending zones through a transparent and participatory process involving vendor representatives; and**
4. **Ensure protection of the dignity, livelihood, and security of affected street vendors in Chandigarh.**

We request urgent consideration of this matter.

With respectful regards,

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