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To

Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator, UT Chandigarh
Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh

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

Hon'ble 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 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 equipment and utensils confiscated, and penalties ranging from **₹2,000 to ₹3,500** imposed — causing severe livelihood disruption and economic distress 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 (i) **safeguards against arbitrary eviction and relocation**, (ii) **participatory determination of vending zones**, and (iii) **protection of livelihood as a statutory right**.

In this context, we respectfully request your kind 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, participatory process involving vendor representatives; and**
4. **Protect the dignity, livelihood, and security of affected vendors in Chandigarh.**

We request your urgent consideration of this matter.

With respectful regards,

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