



National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)

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To

Shri Amit Kumar, IAS

Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh
Chandigarh

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 carried out by the municipal 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 customer footfall. These sites have reportedly been identified **without consultation with vendor representatives or Town Vending Committee (TVC) members**.

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

These measures 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 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 and participatory process involving vendor representatives; and**
4. **Ensure protection of the dignity, livelihood, and security of affected street vendors in Chandigarh.**

We request your urgent consideration of this matter.

With respectful regards,

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