

Need to provide decorated mobile kiosks to street vendors in Jagannath Dham Puri-laid

DR. SAMBIT PATRA (PURI): I urge the Ministry of Tourism to provide movable decorated kiosks to street vendors in Jagannath Dham Puri to boost their economy, enhance tourism, and beautify the city.

Street vendors along the Grand Road and sea beach are crucial to Puri's economy, supporting many families and adding cultural vibrancy. However, the current setup causes challenges, especially during major events like the Rath Yatra, when authorities need to clear the streets, disrupting vendors operations and affecting their earnings. The lack of organized vending spaces leads to congestion and detracts from Puri's aesthetic appeal.

To address these issues, I propose that the Ministry of Tourism provide movable decorated kiosks for Puri's street vendors. These kiosks, reflecting local culture and heritage, will enhance the city's beauty and offer dignified, organized vending spaces. Their mobility will allow easy clearance during festivals and large gatherings, ensuring smooth operations for both vendors and authorities. This initiative will significantly improve the economic conditions of street vendors, boost tourism, and enhance the overall image of Jagannath Dham Puri.