

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW POLICY FOR HAWKERS VENDORS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of street vendors in major metropolitan cities;
- (b) whether there has been cases of non-implementation of National Policy on Urban Street Vendors as reported in The Times of India dated October 20, 2005;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review this policy to minimise the hardship of street vendors all over the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the proposed policy is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( KUMARISELJA )

(a): Ministry does not have any official data on the number of street vendors in the major metropolitan cities.

(b)&(c): The National Policy on Street Vendors formulated by the Ministry provides guidelines for the States/UTs to act in the overall interest of the Street Vendors. States/UTs were requested to implement the policy guidelines with or without modifications in the way it is best suited to the local conditions and in the interests of the street vendors.

(d)to(f): A national workshop on Urban Street vendors was organised by the Ministry on 19.10.2005 to discuss the various aspects of the implementation of the policy and shortfalls, if any. The workshop was attended by senior officials of the State

Governments including Commissioners of some of the selected cities, representatives of NGOs and other stakeholders from various Central Government Departments.

A wide range of issues concerning urban street vendors were deliberated upon during the workshop. Some of the major issues deliberated upon were social security cover for street vendors, access to credit to them from financial institutions, there rehabilitation, need for training and skill development and creation of a data base in the States. There was a consensus in the Workshop amongst the stakeholders to provide and promote a more supportive environment to the street vendors for earning their livelihoods.