



CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

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To
Mr. Ashok Gehlot
The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan

Memorandum for enactment of a law for urban street vendors based on Model Bill drafted by Government of India.

Dear Sir,

The Government of India enacted the **National Policy for Urban Street Vendors** in 2004. Based on the Policy, the Government of Rajasthan adopted a State Level Policy called **Pheriwal Ka Sansar** in 2007. Despite the efforts by various street vendor organizations the policy was not implemented.

The new Government in Rajasthan headed by you rekindled the hope of over 10 lakhs street vendors in Rajasthan by announcing that Rajasthan will make a law for street vendors, the first of its kind in India. The law would be based on the Model Law for Street Vendors 2009 which was sent to the states in 2009.

The announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by beleaguered street vendors all over the state. As pace of urbanization and tourism has peaked up, the trouble on street vendors have increased in the form of regular evictions, extortion, confiscation of goods, manhandling and so on. No such workforce of any country faces everyday humiliation as the street vendors though they are all entrepreneurs in their own way.

We urge you to take personal interest in enacting the law for street vendors. Such a law will go a long way in integrating street vendors in the cities as legitimate workforce contributing to the urban distribution system. Your step would protect livelihood of 10 million people of Rajasthan and protect their dignity. The street vendors of Rajasthan would be highly obliged to you.

Regards

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