GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2587**

TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 9, 2018

**REMOVAL OF VENDORS FROM NON-VENDING ZONES**

**No. 2587. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

1. the manners in which the Ministry makes a distinction between vending and non-vending zones in a city with regard to street vendors;
2. whether Connaught Place in Delhi is a vending zone or not;
3. if so, the reasons why the authorized vendors are being driven away from Connaught Place;
4. whether Government is considering to remove/already forcibly removing vendors from non-vending zones; and
5. the details of steps being taken to rehabilitate traditional vendors, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE**

**MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

(a): The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, is implemented by respective States/UTs by framing Rules, Scheme, Bye-laws and plan for street vending as per provisions of the Act. The plan for street vending, *inter-alia*, determines the vending zones, restricted vending zones and no-vending zones based on local conditions in their respective jurisdictions.

(b) & (c) : Hon’ble Supreme Court of India approved the Street Vendor Scheme 2007 prepared by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) in the matter of Sudhir Madan and others vs Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Others in WPC No.1699/1987 vide Order dated 17.05.2007 in which, the area of Connaught Place was declared a non-vending zone.

Further, Hon’ble High Court of Delhi has also directed vide order dated 05.10.2016 in the matter of Ajay Maken versus Commissioner of Police & Ors in WPC No.8042/2016 & CM nos. 33341/2016, 34847-48/2016, 35180-81/2016 that ‘*the Order dated 09.09.2016 in WPC No.8042/2016 shall not be made applicable to the areas identified as non-squatting zone under the scheme existing prior to the enforcement of the Act of 2014*.”

(d) & (e): As per provisions of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 the local authority may, on the recommendations of the Town Vending Committee, declare a zone or part of it to be a no-vending zone for any public purpose and relocate the street vendors vending in that area, in such manner, as may be specified in the scheme. Further, the Act also lays down provisions for protection of any existing market, or a natural market as identified under the survey.

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