



Do you know about the rights guaranteed to street vendors in India under the Street Vendors Act 2014? All government officials must respect the street vendors' rights to 'just' administrative action, even under lockdown. Read more to find out!

What does the Act say?



Street Vendors Act 2014

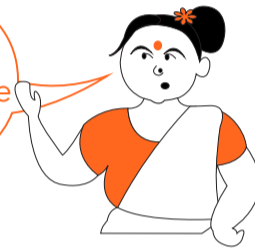
The Act aims to protect the rights of urban street vendors and regulate street vending

- 1 Street vendors play a positive role in cities and their livelihoods need to be protected.
- 2 All existing vendors shall be issued certificates of vending and allocated vending zones up to 2.5% population of the town/city.
- 3 There is a need for participatory governance through Town Vending Committees (TVC) which requires 40% representation of street vendors.
- 4 No street vendor can be evicted or relocated until a survey has been completed and vendors have been issued the certificate of vending.

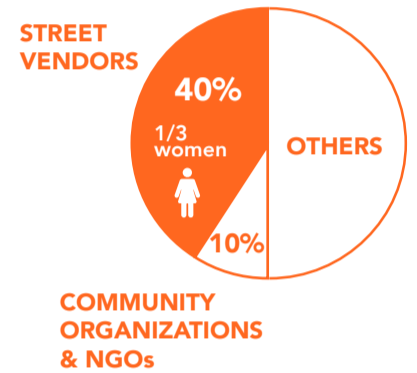


What are Town Vending Committees or TVCs?

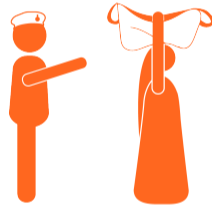
A TVC is a governance body set up under the Act to survey street vendors and regulate vending at the city, district or ward level.



TOWN VENDING COMMITTEE



Know your rights in case of an eviction



Grounds for eviction

A street vendor can be evicted only when their certificate of vending has been cancelled or when they do not have a certificate of vending.

30-day notice

A vendor cannot be evicted or relocated without a notice of 30 days.

Physical evictions

A vendor can be physically evicted or relocated only if they fail to vacate the place within 30 days of notice.

Seizing of goods

The goods of a vendor can be seized only when they fail to vacate the place within 30 days of notice.

Reclaiming of goods

Vendors can appeal to the local authority to reclaim their goods after vacating the place mentioned in the notice.

How can you protect yourself?



Always keep a copy of your documents with you



Follow health guidelines



Stay updated on government permissions regarding vending



Be more active by joining and seeking help from vendor organizations and NGOs

If an official makes a decision that affects you



Always ask for a written eviction notice

Remember to take photos and videos



Ask for the government order/policy/law behind the eviction

How can you access financial support?



To support vendors through the pandemic, the central Government has launched the PM-SVANidhi scheme to provide a **working capital loan of Rs 10,000 to each street vendors.**

To avail yourself of the scheme, approach your nearest street vendor NGO or association or directly log onto the PM-SVANidhi website at <https://pmsvanidhi.mohua.gov.in/login>

Reach out to your vendor organisation for support in accessing this financial support

