GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2291 ANSWERED ON:29.11.2016 Exclusive Zone for Street Vendors

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposed exclusive zone for street vendors in each city;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has pursued the matter with the State Governments to allocate a place and to provide sanitation facility to ensure clean and hygienic food to consumers and if so, the response received therefrom;
- (c) whether the Union Government has decided to launch two new schemes related to Swachh Bharat Mission i.e. (i) Clean Consumer Fora, and (ii) Clean Market and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (d) the time by which these will be implemented and the manner in which the consumers will be benefited therefrom; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create a permanent mechanism under the cleanliness campaign for street-food vendors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, emphasis is being given for setting up of permanent mechanism through new programmes or schemes for sustainability of Swachhta. In pursuance of this, the Department of Consumer Affairs has decided to launch two schemes, namely, (i) Clean Consumer Fora and (ii) Clean Market from 2017-18.

The salient features of the schemes are as under:

Clean Consumer Fora: A number of consumers visit the Consumer Fora every day in connection with their complaints. There should be adequate facilities for the consumers in each Consumer Forum. Including adequate toilets, especially for the disabled. Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided for construction/upgradation of toilets, at least three toilets- one for men, one for women and one for disabled, for the use of the consumers visiting the Consumer Fora in connection with their complaints.

Clean Market: Unhygenic conditions at market places pose health hazards to the consumers. Under the scheme, the Voluntary Consumer Organizations (VCO) will be associated and asked to adopt a market place where they can carry out awareness activities on Swachhta and also cleanliness of the market place including provision of sanitation facilities for consumers and street vendors, in association with the market association and local authorities. Financial assistance will be provided to a VCO in each State/UT.