



Press Release

NASVI Struggle Yields Result

Delhi High Court Orders Restoration of Prabhu Market in Sewa Nagar

New Delhi, 20 May: The struggle launched by National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) for the evicted street vendors of Prabhu Market, Sewa Nagar in Delhi has yielded result with Delhi High Court ordering the restoration of the market. The evicted vendors were sitting on indefinite strike at MCD Central Zone office at Lajpat Nagar in Delhi from 7 May. They were evicted by the MCD on 29 April without giving any notice.

Listening to the arguments of senior counsel for petitioners, Prashant Bhushan who was assisted by NASVI advocate Sumit Singh, Ms Justice Hima Kohli of Delhi High Court directed the MCD to allow the street vendors to continue vending at their allotted tehbazari sites.

The aggrieved vendors had filed a writ petition before the court and it was listed for hearing on Friday.

The vendors of Prabhu Market had got the tehbazari rights pursuant to the Supreme Court's order in 2001. The vendors had been paying the tehbazari fees as demanded by the MCD from time to time.

During the Common Wealth Games the Delhi Police cited security reasons and asked vendors to vacate the area till the games are over. After the conclusion of the games the street vendors again started assembling on their respective tehbazari sites. The authorities did not object because they were valid vendors.

The court found the sudden forced eviction of vendors amazing and directed the standing counsel of the MCD to file the status report as to why despite having valid tehbazari licenses the street vendors of Prabhu Market were removed.

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