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Survey of street vendors, hawkers in Salem

To enumerate the number of street vendors and hawkers in the city, a Chennai-based private company would begin a global positioning system (GPS) satellite survey on December 29.

The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 paves way for protecting the right of urban street vendors and to regulate their vending activities.

The Act mandates forming a Town Vending Committee that should conduct a survey of all existing street vendors within Corporation limits at least once in five years and also frame guidelines for relocating such vendors.

The Act provides the right to vendors, who possesses a certificate of vending, to be entitled for new area, for carrying out vending activities, that is determined by the committee.

Hence, the Corporation has appointed the company to carry out the survey in the city limits so that welfare measures and their rights are protected.

Corporation Commissioner K.R. Selvaraj has requested all vendors to provide complete details to the surveyors so that the survey report is accurate and used for further decision-making process.

Though no proper survey has been carried out so far by the Corporation, about 6,817 hawkers are said to be in the civic body limits.

Vendors asked to provide complete details to those conducting survey