

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL RETAIL PANEL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Special Retail Panel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its terms of reference;
- (c) whether this panel has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said panel thereof;and
- (e) the time by when its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (e): Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). The terms of reference of the study are at Annex. Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth linkages of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India which would focus on the impact of FDI on rural economy. The final reports are yet to be submitted by these organisations.