

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3116  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009  
SMALL RETAILERS  
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to promote employment-led growth in the retail sector;and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a): Retail trade is a State Subject and States have their own policy in this matter. There is no specific scheme of the Central Government for the promotion of employment-led growth in the retail sector.

(b): Dpesnot arise in view of (a) above.