

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

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INDUSTRY STATUS FOR RETAIL SECTOR

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

(a) whether the Government has received several requests from the Indian Retail Sector Association including, industry status for the sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A representation was received from Retailers Association of India, Mumbai through Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on 12th March, 2010 on various issues including that of granting Industry status to Retail Sector for consideration in the Budget 2010-11. The Budget 2010-11 was, however, already finalized by that time.