

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1220

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COMMITTEE ON 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 constituted a six member Committee which has called for the views of various stakeholders with regard to implementing free investment policy of Foreign Direct Investment in retail market in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b): No Madam. The Government has not constituted a Committee which has called for the views of various stakeholders with regard to implementing free investment policy of Foreign Direct Investment in retail market in the country. In fact, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion has released a discussion paper on permitting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Multi Brand Retail Trading, inviting comments from the public and stakeholders. The comments received thereon are presently being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Committee set up by them.