

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

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN 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 assessed the extent of loss of job opportunities in the retail sector of the country after the entry of big industrial houses/organised retailers;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether a similar decline in job opportunities has been observed in the Government/ Public Sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the organised retail sector that uses capital intensive techniques in place of labour intensive techniques has expanded after the entry of big industrial houses in retail causing loss of job opportunities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) to (f): Retail trade is a state subject and the organized retailer register their shops/malls with the concerned authorities in State/Union Territory Government. As such, no data is maintained centrally. However, the Government had instituted a study on the subject of 'Impact of Organized Retailing on the Unorganized Sector' 1, through the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). The study report, received in 2008, inter-alia indicated that the growth of organized retail will enhance the employment potential of the Indian economy.