

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

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SHARE OF SMALL SCALE TRADE IN GDP

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

- (a) whether the share of small traders/shopkeepers in the total Gross Domestic Product of the country has declined due to the growth of mall culture and entry of organised retailers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the small traders/ shopkeepers?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Retail Trade is a State subject. The organized/unorganized retailers register their shops/ malls with the concerned authorities in State/Union Territory Governments. The State/UT Governments have their own policy to promote retail trade in their respective States/UTs. No such data is being maintained centrally.