

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

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RETAIL OUTLETS IN SMALLER CITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the big corporate houses of India operating in retail sector are setting up their retail outlets in smaller cities rather than big metro cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the corporate houses which have set up their retail outlets in smaller cities, as on date;
- (c) whether it is a fact that these corporate houses are opening retail outlets in smaller towns in violation of the conditions permitting their entry into retail market at national level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

- (a) & (b): Retailers register their shops/malls with the concerned authorities in State/UT Government, as retail trade is a state subject; therefore no such data is centrally maintained.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.