

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RETAIL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether retail sector is growing at 40 per cent a year with its contribution to GDP rising from the current 11 per cent to 20-25 per cent in 5-10 years; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to gear up the lagging unorganized sector to face the competition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) As indicated in the study report of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), the share of organized retailing in the total retail trade is very small, the Compound average Growth Rate from 2001-02 to 2007 on the size of the Organized Retail Market is projected as 18% and the estimated share of the retail market sector in India is around 10% of GDP.