

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4675.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH MARCH, 2023.**

NATIONAL RETAIL TRADE POLICY

4675. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is working to bring a national retail trade policy for brick-and-mortar retail traders to promote ease of doing business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the Government is also working to bring an e-commerce policy for online retailers;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is also in the process of formulating an insurance scheme for all retail traders; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम प्रकाश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a) & (b):** A draft National Retail Trade Policy has been prepared, based on consultations with State Governments and major Industry/trade associations. The Draft National Retail Trade Policy focuses on preparing strategies for overall development of retail trade through targeted efforts to promote ease of doing business in retail sector through several measures to reduce compliance burden, enhance ease of access to credit and decriminalization of minor offences for all formats of retail trade. Special emphasis is placed on assessing the requirement of licenses, removal of renewal requirement, inspection reforms, facilitating public service delivery, creation of single window facilitation mechanism etc.
- (c):** The draft e-Commerce policy was placed in public domain on 23rd February, 2019 for public consultations. Valuable suggestions have been received from various stakeholders.
- (d) & (e):** A draft Accident Insurance Scheme has been prepared for GST registered traders covering life and establishment of traders, based on the valuable suggestions received from various stakeholders.