

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 347
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 17th JULY, 2019.**

NATIONAL RETAIL POLICY

***347. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether there is a need to streamline the retail trade and provide/ ensure the ease of doing business in the country in order to benefit both the traders and the economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate National Retail Policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has recently convened a meeting with various stakeholders including trade associations, concerned Ministries and State Government representatives for discussion on the proposed policy and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the National Retail Policy is likely to come into existence?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) of LOK SABHA
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(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. There is a need to create conducive environment for retail trade including by simplifying rules and regulations hindering the growth of retail sector. Government proposes to formulate a National Retail Trade Policy. A number of interactions with Industry/Trade associations, concerned Central Government Ministries/ Departments and State Governments have been held by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to consider issues facing the retail sector and possible solutions for resolving them. Valuable suggestions have been received in this regard. Necessary steps for formulation of a National Retail Trade Policy are underway. The Government aims to take a decision in this regard at an early date.
