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From,

The Additional Secretary to Government,
Commerce & Industries Department,
Vikasa Soudha,
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To,

1. The Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Labour Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
4. Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
5. Principal Secretary to Government, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
6. The Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director for Industries and Commerce Department, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
7. The Managing Director, Karnataka Udyoga Mitra, No. 49, 3rd Floor, Khanija Bhavan, East Wing, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
8. The Chief Executive Officer, Retailers Association of India, # 111/112, Ascot Centre, Near Hotel ITC Maratha, Sahar Road, Sahara, Andheri East, MUMBAI-400 099.

Sir,

Sub: Proceedings of the meeting held on Draft Retail Trade Policy of Karnataka-2015.

Ref: Meeting hold on 02.09.2015 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Large and Medium Industries Minister.

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With reference to the above subject, I am directed to forward the proceedings of the meeting held on 02.09.2015 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble



Minister for Large and Medium Industries & Tourism regarding Draft Retail Trade Policy of Karnataka-2015 for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,


(L.S. SRIKANTABABU)

22.09.2015
Under Secretary to Government, (SSI)
of Commerce & Industries Department

**Proceedings of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of
Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Tourism
on 02.09.2015 at Karnataka Udyog Mitra, Bangalore
regarding Draft Retail Trade Policy of Karnataka**

Members Present: List enclosed.

- The Additional Chief Secretary, C & I Department welcomed the Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Tourism, other officers and the representatives of Retail Association of India for the meeting.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, C & I Department said that retailing in India is one of the pillars of the economy and no States have retail trade policy till now and it is in un-organized sector. Also mentioned that there is no nodal Department to facilitate the growth of retail business in Karnataka.
- Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Tourism asked the representatives of Retail Association of India to make presentation on the draft policy and what they will expect from the GoK.
- The CEO, Retail Association of India made the presentation and informed that the Indian Retail Market is estimated to be USD 500 Million and one of the top 5 Retail Markets in the World by economic value. India is one of the fastest growing retail markets in the world.
- He informed that the retail trade enterprise comprises enterprises engaged in retailing goods and services. These enterprises fall into various segments, which include food and grocery, apparel, footwear, consumer durables, home appliances and equipment, restaurants, cinema halls, multiplexes, home furnishing and furniture, jewelry, books, music, watches, pharmaceuticals, beauty and healthcare. These enterprises sell various categories of items and use multiple channels including brick and mortar, direct selling, e-commerce and other channels.

- He mentioned about the objectives of the Retail Trade Policy, 2015 as below:
 - To boost Karnataka's position in the Retail Trade within the country.
 - To further accelerate investment flow to underdeveloped regions of the state.
 - To create more employment opportunities, to educate the youth of all sections of the society across the region, especially in rural areas to take part in Retail Trade.
 - Leverage Retail Trade as a tool for socio-economic development of the State.
- The Policy initiatives proposed in the policy are as below:
 - Appointment of nodal office in Government of Karnataka to facilitate single window clearance
 - Simplification of labor laws — Relaxations of rules under the Shops and Establishment Act with regard to working hours, work shifts and employment of part-time workers and maintenance of records.
 - Inclusion of Food and Grocery Retailing in 'essential' services — No interruption of services during industrial action / civic unrest. (ESMA)
 - Relaxation of stocking limit under Essential Commodities Act. (Esscom)
 - Promotion of Human Resource Development and Skill Development in the retail enterprise.
 - Pragmatic implementation of Packaged Commodities Regulations.
 - Creation of REZ (Retail Entertainment Zones)

- Treating Distribution Centers at par with industries
 - Industrial spaces within the confines of cities
 - Electronic Bills
 - Formation of an Empowered Committee at the state level to monitor the implementations of this policy and develop procedures and make amendments whenever and wherever required.
- The CEO, Retail Association of India has requested the GoK to look in to following issues:
 - At present 50 licenses are required to open a retail shop in Karnataka, requested to bring single window clearance under one Ministry for clearances.
 - Requested to extend timings for women employees working in the retail shop up to 11pm.
 - To bring retail business under Essential Commodities of Act, considering retail business has essential service.
 - Requested to simplify the compliance of Central Legal Metrology Issues.
 - Simplification of Labour laws.
 - Additional Chief Secretary, C&I Department mentioned that already draft Retail Trade Policy has been circulated to Finance, Urban Development, Labour and Food & Civil Supplies Dept for their comments on 25.08.2015.

▪ After detailed discussion the following decisions were taken:

- Finance, Urban Development, Labour and Food & Civil Supplies Departments have to send their comments on the draft policy, within a week to the C&I Department.
- Retail Association of India has to co-ordinate with above Departments and to give information / clarification to those departments, if any.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks.



(R. V. DESHPANDE)

Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium
Industries and Tourism.

Members present in the presentation of Draft Retail Trade Policy of Karnataka-2015 held on 2nd September 2015 at 04.00 PM in Karnataka Udyog Mitra, Bangalore.

Sl. No	Name	Designation	
1	Sri R.V. Deshpande	Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Scale Industries	In Chair
2	Smt. K. Ratna Prabha I.A.S	Additional Chief Secretary, C& I Dept	
3	Smt. Latha Krishna Rao I.A.S	Development Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Government	
4	Sri Gaurav Gupta I.A.S	Commissioner for Industrial Development,	
5	Sri Ritwik Pandey I.A.S	Commissioner for Commercial Taxes	
6	Dr. R. Raju I.F.S	Commissioner for Textiles	
7	Sri M. Prabhu	Additional Director (MSME)	
8	Sri S. Narasimha Murthy	Additional Labour Commissioner, Department of Labour	
9	Dr. Shripad S.B.	Deputy Labour Commissioner, Region-2, Bengaluru	
10	Sri Jabbar Baig	Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies	
11	Niyas	Director, M.K. Retail Co.,	
12	Subhash Chandra L.	Managing Director, Sangeetha Mobiles (P) Ltd.,	

13	G. Mohan Sundaram	Head-Controllership Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd., Director of Madura Fashion & Lifestyle	
14	Raghavendra Majji	Manager, Southern Inda, Retailers Association of India	
15	Kumar Rajagopalan	CEO, RAI	
16	Gautam Jain	RAI	