Abstract

Being one of the fastest growing emerging market economies, Indian retail is considered to be a lucrative market. Providing employment to over 37 million people, the sector is the third largest employer among non-agricultural sectors, next only to manufacturing and construction sectors. India's Retail sector is very fragmented and more than 90 per cent of the output and employment in the retail sector is concentrated in the unorganized segment. While the first half of the previous decade saw higher increase in unorganized retail employment, the same was offset during the second half between 2005 and 2010 by absolute decline in unorganized retail employment, accompanied by rise in the organized segment. The present sector report tries to investigate the constraints for growth of output and employment of organized retail and the effect of growing organized segment on unorganized retail.