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## Competition Commission of India (“CCI”) takes cognizance on the information filed against Indigo Airlines:

CCI has sought information from IndiGo (having 63% marketshare of the domestic aviation) to assess whether Indigo indulged in the unfair business practices in the context of latest flight cancellations and delays mainly between 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 due to operational and system-related challenges across several airports. CCI has also sought information on data on airfares from aviation regulator DGCA to understand the market conditions. Based on its initial assessment, CCI may order an investigation in the matter.

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## CCI dismissed the case against Department of Town and Country Planning, Government of Haryana:

**A**n information has been filed by ILD Housing Projects Private Limited and Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India-NCR alleging contravention of the provisions of Section 4 of the Act by Department of Town and Country Planning, Government of Haryana and Others ("Authorities"). It has been alleged that there were unfair and discriminatory conditions such as obligation of the developers to pay external development charges and infrastructure development charges and interest thereon, as and when demanded by the Authorities with no significant obligation on the Authorities to complete the development work. Further, the Authorities are the only body that can issue licences and undertake activities of external development and infrastructure development.

The CCI observed that pursuant to the order dated December 15, 2015 of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, it has been held that the developers are obligated to pay external development charges as per the terms of the agreement irrespective of completion of external development works and the same issue cannot be reagitated before the CCI, which is against judicial proprietary. In the context of the statutory framework and judgements already in place, the contention of unilateral imposition of conditions and lack of bargaining power is liable to be rejected. CCI observed that no *prima facie* case of contravention under Section 4 of the Act was made out and the information was closed under Section 26(2) of Act.



## CCI holds Maharashtra Wine Merchants Association and Others liable for Anti-competitive agreement.

**A**n information filed by Alcobev Companies against Maharashtra Wine Merchants Association and Others under Section 19(1)(a) of the Act. It has been alleged that since 2014, the associations have been operating as a cartel, by collectively stipulating that the companies engaged in the manufacture, distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages

must adhere to terms such as in relation to retail margins, new product launching schemes, transport delivery terms, cash discount rates, credit period, mandatory launching fees, donations etc. The CCI noted the practise of issuing circulars, emails, or other communications by the Maharashtra Wine Merchants Association and others to their members

prescribing or influencing pricing, margins, discounts, payment terms, transportation charges, or other commercial terms that ought to be independently determined by each enterprise, as well as imposing mandatory requirements on Alcobev companies to obtain NOCs prior to launching

new products, have been held to violative of Section 3 of the Act. CCI have not imposed any monetary penalty on the Associations and their officials, however CCI has issued an cease and desist order under Section 27 of the Act.



## Kerala High Court dismisses JioStar's appeal against CCI.

The Kerala High Court dismissed the JioStar's appeal against CCI's probe into allegations that JioStar favoured Kerala Communicators Cable Limited (KCCL) in the pricing of the channels and allowed CCI to continue its investigation. Asianet Digital Network Pvt Ltd had filed a complaint before CCI alleging that Star India, which is now known as JioStar, was extending indirect discounts to KCCL through marketing arrangements in breach of TRAI's Interconnection Regulations. JioStar challenged the directions of CCI to order the investigations on the ground that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India could

examine these issues. The Court held that CCI must decide as a preliminary point its jurisdiction to take up the whole matter and proceed with it in the face of specific provisions of TRAI-Regulations, especially Regulation 7, violation of which has been alleged. Further, CCI may defer consideration of the matter if it comes to the conclusion that TRAI would have the jurisdiction to examine the issues. If CCI decides otherwise, the Court directed that it shall then pass a reasoned order on the complaint moved by Asianet.



## CCI dismissed the complaint alleging manipulation of online advertising systems by major digital platforms:

A complaint filed by Preeti Kodwani against major digital platforms including Amazon Seller Services, Flipkart, and Wix.com, was dismissed of concrete evidence and legally sustainable claims. The allegations were primarily on the grounds that there were collusion to suppress her business's online visibility, divert customers to competitors, and interfere with her digital marketing operations through what she described as biased search results, manipulated advertising placements, and tampering

with digital identifiers such as email IDs and campaign data. CCI found that the allegations were vague, broad and devoid of requisite particulars and the supporting documents were illegible and incapable of proper scrutiny. Further, the complainant had failed to clearly specify the role and contribution of each opposite party or establish how the allegations amount to violation of the provisions of the Act. CCI concluded that there was no *prima facie* case of contravention of Sections 3 or 4 of the Act.



## CCI dismissed the case against Eros International for re-releasing Raanjhanaa

The CCI dismissed the case against Eros International Media Ltd. in relation to the AI-altered re-release of the Hindi film Raanjhanaa, holding that the issues did not fall within the ambit of the Act and therefore, no *prima facie* case of violation of the Act was made out. It was alleged that the AI-based alteration of the film's ending, coupled with its theatrical re-release and proposed distribution on OTT platforms, amounted to

anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position in violation of Sections 3 and 4 of the Competition Act. According to the informants, such conduct distorted competition in the motion picture industry, adversely affected consumer choice, and exploited the absence of regulatory safeguards governing AI-driven alterations of copyrighted works.



## CCI found KKK mills and Sankeshwar Synthetics in violation of the provisions of the Act:

CCI found that KKK Mills and Sankeshwar Synthetics Pvt. Ltd was in violation of the Act and directed the two companies to desist from anticompetitive conduct.

The CCI found that the quotation of identical prices, timing of submission of financial / commercial bids and similar prior conduct help establish the concerted action of the parties which is found as violation of the Act.

## Combination Orders:

- CCI approved the proposed transaction pertains to the acquisition of certain shares of Sammaan Capital Limited by Avenir Investment RSC Ltd.
- CCI approved the proposed transaction relating to the acquisition by Coinbase Global Inc. of minority shareholding in DCX Global Limited
- CCI approved the proposed transactions of Schneider Electric SE. The approved transactions are as follows: a) Acquisition of 35% stake by Schneider's Electric SE in Schneider Electric India Private Limited. b) Acquisition by Schneider Electric SE (through Schneider Electric South East Asia (HQ) Pte. Ltd.) of 35% stake in Schneider Electric JV Holdings 2 Pte. Ltd.
- CCI approved the proposed combination involving, inter alia, Curefit Healthcare Private Limited (Curefit Healthcare), Cultfit Healthcare Private Limited (Cultfit), Curefit Services Private Limited (Curefit Services), and Fitness First Luxembourg S.C.A (FF Lux) The Proposed Combination includes the demerger of (i) the business of servicing memberships under the CultPass Elite and CultPass Pro offerings of Cultfit and (ii) the business of CultPass Elite and CultPass Pro membership subscription of Curefit Services with and into Curefit Healthcare and merger of the residual business of Curefit Services with and into Cultfit (Cultfit Merged Entity) and buyback of shares in Cultfit Merged Entity from all shareholders, except Curefit Healthcare



- CCI approved the proposed transaction pertaining to the sale of the Paper and pulp manufacturing business of Aditya Birla Real Estate Limited to ITC Limited, as a going concern, in accordance with the Business Transfer Agreement executed between the Parties
- CCI approved the proposed acquisition of Nippon Steel Corporation's proposal to acquire the remaining 53.4% stake in Krosaki Harima Corporation
- CCI approved the proposed transaction relating to the combination of the business operations of Startek Inc. and CCI Consulting FZCO and CCI Enterprises FZCO. The transaction is undertaken through multiple steps and requires notification under Section 5(d) of the Act.
- CCI approves the proposed transaction of Tata Steel Limited to acquire sole control in Tata BlueScope Steel Private Limited by purchasing the remaining 50% equity shareholding currently held by BlueScope Steel Asia Holdings Pty Limited
- CCI approved the proposed transaction wherein Japan Post Co., Ltd. acquires a minority 19.9% equity stake (with 14.9% voting rights) in Logisted Holdings, Ltd, from HTSK Investment L.P.
- CCI approved the acquisition of certain additional shareholding in Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited by MIH Investments One B.V.
- CCI approved the proposed transaction of CIF-II Scheme I and Others who envisage subscribing to the rights issue of Boston Ivy Healthcare Solutions Private Limited, and the aggregate shareholding of the CIF-II Scheme I and Others in Boston Ivy Healthcare Solutions Private Limited, is likely move from less than 25% to more than 25%
- CCI approved the proposed transaction refers to the sale of the Paper and pulp manufacturing business of Aditya Birla Real Estate Limited to ITC Limited, as a going concern, in accordance with the Business Transfer Agreement executed between ITC Limited and Aditya Birla Real Estate Limited.



- CCI approves the proposed transaction envisages the acquisition of certain warrants by Asia II Topco XIII Pte. Ltd., each carrying a right to subscribe to one fully paid-up equity share of Federal Bank Limited. The warrants will be exercised by Asia II Topco XIII Pte. Ltd within a period of 18 months or within such shorter period determined

in accordance with the terms of the Investment Agreement. Upon full exercise of the warrants, Asia II Topco XIII Pte. Ltd will hold 9.99% of the paid-up share capital of Federal Bank Limited, on a fully diluted basis. The Asia II Topco XIII Pte. Ltd will have the right to nominate a director on the board, with a view to share their expertise with Federal Bank Limited.



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