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N**OUR STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD**

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PBA condemns CCP for searching its office

Says officials took away all important documents; CCP says it conducted inspection after fulfilling all legal formalities; Imran condemns govt for raids on PBA premises

KARACHI: Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) strongly condemned the arbitrary action taken by Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) against PBA on Tuesday in Karachi, says a PBA press release.

The CCP officials entered the premises of PBA Secretariat and took away all the important original record/documents without assigning any reasonable grounds or by giving any prior information/warning. This action of the government is being taken as an attempt to suppress media and curb freedom of expression by using strong arm tactics and putting pressure on the parent electronic media body.

The statement further said that this action of CCP was against the principles of natural justice as there was no prior notice to the Association by the department.

PBA urged the prime minister to take immediate steps for redressal against this arbitrary and high handed action of Competition Commission of Pakistan.

Mehtab Haider from Islamabad adds: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP),

in exercise of its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act, 2010, carried out an inspection of the premises of Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) located in Karachi on Tuesday.

According to statement issued by CCP here on Wednesday, the Commission decided to conduct the inspection after evaluating prima facie documentary evidence, including rules and regulations of PBA, suggesting that PBA may be in violation of Section 4 of the Competition Act by taking commercial decisions - such as setting the commission rates for advertising agencies and operating a central payment clearance system on behalf of its members - that may affect competition in the advertising industry. Section 4 of the Competition Act prohibits decisions by an association of undertakings that may prevent, restrict, or reduce competition in the relevant market.

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vestigation in detail therefore inspection was deemed necessary under Section 34 of the Competition Act, 2010 as a fact finding mission to ascertain and verify the facts. Consistent with CCP practice and the law, due opportunity to all concerned shall be provided as the matter proceeds further in accordance with law, the CCP concluded.

Our correspondent adds: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan on Wednesday condemned the arbitrary tactics of the government when it used the Competition Commission to raid the PBA office in Karachi on January 06 without any warning or notice.

In a statement issued here, he said the unethical confiscation of the PBA data and immediate flying it out to Islamabad was clearly aimed at intimidating the media and penalising it for its coverage of the PTI Azadi March and dharna and exposing the government's use of advertising to block this coverage - which failed.

He made it clear that PTI would not allow such intimidation and fascist tactics by the government to mute the independent media.

PBA DENOUNCES CCP FOR RAID, RECORD SEIZURE

KARACHI

STAFF REPORT

Describing it as an "arbitrary action", the Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) lashed out at the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for raiding its secretariat and taking away its record. The association demanded Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to take notice of CCP's action. The PBA claimed that officials of the commission raided the association's secretariat and took away all the important original record and documents "without any reasonable grounds or any prior information or warning". It said that the action was tantamount to an attempt to "suppress" media and curb freedom of expression by using "strong-arm tactics" and putting pressure on the parent electronic media body. The PBA called the CCP's action against the principles of natural justice as there was no prior notice to the association by the department. In the meanwhile, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan has also condemned CCP's raid on PBA's office.



Pakistan raids media association

Wednesday, 7 January 2015 (20 hours ago)

Faez Samadi

In its first enforcement action under its new leader, the Competition Commission of Pakistan has inspected the premises of the national broadcasting association over alleged abusive practices in the advertising market.

The commission says it is investigating whether the Pakistan Broadcasters Association made business decisions on behalf of its members that were anti-competitive.

These decisions include allegedly collectively setting its members' tariffs for broadcasting advertisements and operating a central payment clearance system through the association rather than allowing members to choose their own payment provider.

The association, based in Karachi, cooperated with the inspection, the enforcer says in a statement. The authority entered the offices under section 34 of Pakistan's Competition Act, as opposed to section 35, which allows for the use of force to enter and search a building.

"The inspection will serve as a fact-finding exercise to determine whether there is any substance in the *prima facie* allegations," the commission says. "In accordance with the established CCP procedures and to ensure complete transparency, PBA will be afforded an opportunity to present their views and to assist the inquiry before any conclusion is reached in light of the available evidence."

However, despite the commission saying the inspection was carried out cooperatively, the association says in a statement that it condemned the commission's "high handed" dawn raid.

"This action of the government is being taken as an attempt to suppress media and curbs freedom of expression by using strong arm tactics and putting pressure on the [association]," the association says, adding that the raid was "against the principles of natural justice as there was no prior notice to the association by the [commission]."

The enforcer disagrees with the latter part of the statement, saying it fulfilled "all legal formalities" regarding the inspection.

The case is the first opened by the commission since [Vadiyya Khalil](#) took over as head of the enforcer last month.

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Competition Impact Assessment Study of auto sector

CCP to provide opportunity to stakeholders for giving feedback

RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) will provide an opportunity to all stakeholders to give their feedback before finalisation of the updated Competition Impact Assessment Study of the Automobile Sector.

Sources told Business Recorder here on Wednesday that the CCP would finalise the updated Competition Impact Assessment Study of the Automobile Sector in the coming few days after expiry of deadline on January 8, 2015 for seeking comments on the said study.

It is likely that the study will be finalised in February 2015. The CCP will welcome feedback of the concerned industrial associations on the study before its finalisation.

Only a day is left for the general public to submit comments on the said study. However, the commission may further extend the deadline for seeking comments of the stakeholders.

As per CCP updated Competition Impact Assessment Study of the Automobile Sector, the CCP has strongly recommended commercial import of used cars, end to discretionary control of Engineering Development Board (EDB) over automobile industry, reduction in protection of local industry to allow foreign competition for the benefit of consumers.

The commercial import of used cars should be allowed and open

to all. The prevalent scheme of allowing used car imports under the Gift, Personal and Baggage Schemes adds to transaction costs in the form of extra legal formalities, in addition to high import duties. This practice should be replaced with open commercial import of used cars.

The increase in competition will reflect in better pricing and improved quality, as well as availability of cars on demand. The CCP has also invited public comments on its updated study. Major recommendations of the report to improve competition, both in the short and long-run included: benchmarking auto policies against major developing auto producing countries such as India, Thailand and Turkey by fully implementing the Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) agreement. It recommended discontinuation of auto policy formulation through Statutory Regulatory Orders (SROs) and doing away with control of the Engineering Development Board (EDB) over the materials and components used in the auto industry and the management of new entrants.

The CCP said that the recent reduction of allowable age limit for import of cars from 5 to 3 years in December, 2012 will further protect the domestic automobile industry which is already inward looking. Import of 5 year old vehicles provides a better competitive environment to the local automobile industry.

However, the idea of increasing the age limit from 5 years to older than 5 years on the import of used cars may be subject to strict road worthiness tests. It is preferable for the import of used cars to be open, rather than allowed under the Gift, Personal and Baggage Schemes that add transaction costs. It is also necessary to have stringent evaluation measures to assess the depreciation and actual values of the used imported vehicles.

The CCP said that removing the entry barriers imposed by higher tariffs for imports by significantly lowering the tariffs and making them relatively more uniform across all automobile categories. This will make cars more affordable, push the local assemblers to be more competitive, and incentivize the automobile industry to strive towards international standards and pricing. The tariff structure needs to be finalized in consultation with the National Tariff Commission (NTC).

The recent measure of lowering the depreciation allowance needs to be reconsidered as it may reduce consumer welfare by increasing the price of imported used cars, it said. It recommended mandatory testing for emission and road-worthiness to be introduced as part of a regulatory regime and renewal of registration of vehicles may be contingent on passing of requisite tests in line with developed countries.

Dealerships are merely agents of the manufacturing companies

and have no real incentive to compete in the market. It is proposed that strict laws should be implemented that prohibit both parties (manufacturers and dealers) from charging any premiums from the customer. Increased competition would also eliminate the premium problem, as cars will be readily available and customers will not have to wait for six months before receiving their car after having paid the full price in advance, it said.

The CCP recommended that legislation should be introduced to prohibit premiums charged by the manufacturers and the dealers and to restrict hoarding by unscrupulous investors or traders of cars. The existing booking structure negatively impacts competitiveness as well, imposing an additional burden on customers. By paying the full price of the vehicle months in advance, the customers are not just covering the product-based variable costs for the companies, but are also losing interest that they could have earned otherwise. The car manufacturers claim to oppose the charging of premiums, however, they seem to adopt a 'look the other way' policy on the issue of premiums charged by the dealers to expedite delivery of vehicles.

It also recommended ending the discretionary control of Engineering Development Board (EDB) over automobile industry particularly the EDB controls over the materials and components used by the industry etc.

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سی بی این ای اور عمران خان کا اظہار مذمت
 لاہور (پ ر) خصوصی رپورٹر) کونسل آف پاکستان نیوز پیپرز ایڈیٹرز (سی بی این ای) کے صدر مجیب الرحمن شامی نے پاکستان براڈ کاسٹنگ ایسوسی ایشن (پی بی اے) کے دفتر پر مسابقتی کمیشن کا چھاپہ لگا کر اس کی مذمت کی ہے۔ انہوں نے وزیراعظم نواز شریف سے مطالبہ کیا کہ اس صورتحال کا فوری تدارک کیا جائے اور چھاپہ ماروں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے۔ پی بی اے کے کسی بھی طرح مسابقتی کمیشن کے دائرہ کار میں نہیں آتی، کسی نوٹس کے بغیر یہ کارروائی اور ریکارڈ جمعول میں لیتا ہر لحاظ سے غیر قانونی ہے، اس تجاویز نے میڈیا کی آزادی کے لئے شدید خطرات پیدا کر دی ہیں، آج جب وہ جہت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں میڈیا اور حکومت کے درمیان اعتماد کا رشتہ برقرار رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے اس طرح کی چھاپہ مار کارروائی کے شدید نقصانات اٹھانا پڑیں گے۔ خصوصی رپورٹر کے مطابق تحریک انصاف کے چیئر مین عمران خان نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان براڈ کاسٹ ایسوسی ایشن کے خلاف حکومتی جبر قابل مذمت ہے۔ انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ تحریک انصاف حکومت کو میڈیا کے خلاف اس قسم کے خالص اقدامات کی اجازت نہیں دے گی اور میڈیا کی آزادی کو بند کرنے کی حکومتی کوششیں برداشت نہیں کرے گی۔

36 مسابقتی کمیشن
 ایسوسی ایشن کے دفتر کا معائنہ کیا، بدھ کو جاری بیان میں کمیشن کا کہنا تھا کہ کمیشن نے ظاہری دستاویزی شواہد اور پی بی اے کے قواعد و ضوابط کے جائزے سے اس چھاپہ ماروں کے فیصلے کی تائید کی ہے۔ ان شواہد سے پتہ چلتا ہے کہ پی بی اے تجارتی فیصلوں

مثلاً اشتہاری اداروں کیلئے کمیشن کے نرخ طے کرنے اور اپنے ارکان کی جانب سے سینٹرل بکڈ کلیرنس سسٹم کے ذریعہ مسابقتی ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی کی مرگب ہو سکتی ہے کیونکہ اس کے طریقہ کار سے اشتہاری صنعت میں مسابقت کا عمل متاثر ہو سکتا ہے۔ سیکشن 4 کی ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے ایسے فیصلوں کو روکنا اور ممانعت کرتا ہے جو متعلقہ مارکیٹ میں مسابقت کو ختم، کم یا محدود کر سکیں۔ بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ کمیشن کے مجاز افسران نے تمام قانونی ضروریات پوری اور پی بی اے کے حکام کے عمل تعاون سے اس چھاپہ ماروں کی پی بی اے کے دفتر پہنچ کر ایسوسی ایشن کے افسران کو اس چھاپہ ماروں کے اختیار اور وجوہات کی کاپی دی اور پی بی اے کے حکام کی موجودگی میں دفتر کا معائنہ کیا گیا اور قبضہ میں لے گئے ریکارڈ کی انٹرویو لسٹ انہیں دی گئی، انہیں یہ موقع دیا گیا کہ فوری ضرورت کی دستاویزی نقول تیار کر لیں۔ واضح رہے کہ اس چھاپہ ماروں کے تحت مفاہمانہ ماحول میں کیا گیا دفعہ 35 کے تحت نہیں جو کسی جگہ داخلے اور معائنہ کیلئے طاقت کے استعمال کی اجازت دیتا ہے۔ مسابقتی ایکٹ کے سیکشن 37 کے تحت معاملات باقاعدہ انویسٹی گیشن کے بعد اس چھاپہ ماروں سے بظاہر الزامات کے کئی جواز کا معائنہ کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ سی بی اے کے طے شدہ قواعد اور مکمل شفافیت کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے دستیاب ہونے کی روشنی میں کسی نتیجے پر پہنچنے سے قبل پی بی اے کو اپنا موقف قائم کرنے اور انویسٹی گیشن میں تعاون کا پورا موقع دیا جائے گا۔ یہ معاملہ عدالتی تحقیقات چاہتا ہے اس لئے اس چھاپہ ماروں کے تحت ضروری تھا، بیان میں مزید کہا گیا کہ قانون کے مطابق معاملے پر مزید کارروائی کی جانے کی اور سی بی اے کے معمول اور قانون کے مطابق تمام متعلقہ فریقوں کو ضروری موقع دیا جاتا ہے۔

37 اظہار مذمت
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**سی پی این ای کی پی بی اے کے دفتر پر
 مسابقتی کمیشن کے چھاپے کی شدید مذمت**

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سی پی این ای (58)

کیا جائے اور چھاپہ ماروں کی خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے۔
 پی بی اے کے کسی بھی طرح مسابقتی کمیشن کے دائرہ کار میں نہیں
 آتی۔ کسی نوٹس کے بغیر یہ کارروائی اور ریکارڈ تھولیں میں لےنا ہر
 لحاظ سے غیر قانونی ہے، اس تہاؤز نے میڈیا کی آزادی کے
 لیے شدید خطرات پیدا کر دیے ہیں۔ آج جب دہشت گردی
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 برقرار رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے، اس طرح کی چھاپہ مار کارروائی
 کے شدید نقصانات اٹھانا نہیں گے۔

حکومت میڈیا کی آواز بنانا چاہتی ہے، اسے کامیاب نہیں ہونے دینگے عمران

بلیئر ٹوٹس بی بی اے دفتر پر چھاپہ غیر اخلاقی اقدام، مقصد آزادی مارچ کی کورنچ روکنے میں ناکامی کی سزا دینا تھا

میڈیا کے خلاف ایسے ظالمانہ اقدامات کی اجازت نہیں دیں گے، حکومتی کوششیں برداشت نہیں کریں گے، بیان

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نیوز رپورٹر) تحریک انصاف کے چیئر مین عمران خان نے پاکستان براڈ کاسٹنگ ایسوسی ایشن کے خلاف حکومتی جبری شدید مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ حکومت میڈیا کی آواز دہانا چاہتی ہے اسے کامیاب نہیں ہونے دینگے۔ اپنے بیان میں انہوں نے کہا کہ بلیئر ٹوٹس بی بی اے دفتر پر چھاپہ غیر اخلاقی اقدام ہے۔




بقیہ نمبر 33

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سابقہ کابینہ کی بی بی اے کے کراچی میں قائم دفتر پر چھاپہ انتہائی غیر اخلاقی اقدام ہے جس کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بی بی اے کے دفتر پر چھاپے کے دوران تمام ریکارڈز جو میل میں لے کر انتہائی عجلت میں اسلام آباد پر واز کا مشعر میڈیا کو فروغ دہ کرنا تھا۔ اس کے ذریعے تحریک انصاف کے آزادی مارچ اور دھرے کو نشتر کرنے اور اشتہارات کے ذریعے ان نشریات کی بندش کی حکومتی کوششوں کو ناکام بنانے کی سزا دینا تھا۔ انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ تحریک انصاف حکومت کو میڈیا کے خلاف اس قسم کے ظالمانہ اقدامات کی اجازت نہیں دے گی اور میڈیا کی آواز گل کرنے کی حکومتی کوششیں برداشت نہیں کرے گی۔

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سی پی این ای کی پی بی اے
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کراچی (جہان پاکستان ڈیسک) کونسل آف
پاکستان نیوز پیپر ایڈیٹرز (سی پی این ای) کے صدر
مجیب الرحمن شامی نے پاکستان براڈ کاسٹنگ ایسوسی
ایشن (پی بی اے) کے صدر دفتر پر مسابقتی کمیشن کے
اڈھکاروں کے چھاپوں کی شدید مذمت کی ہے۔ انہوں
نے وزیر اعظم میاں محمد نواز (باقی صفحہ 6 پیج نمبر 58)

بقیہ	چھاپے	58
شریف سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ اس صورتحال کا فوری تدارک کیا جائے اور چھاپہ ماروں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے۔ پی بی اے کسی بھی طرح مسابقتی کمیشن کے دائرہ کار میں نہیں آتی۔ کسی نوٹس کے بغیر یہ کارروائی اور ریکارڈ تھریں میں لیتا ہر لحاظ سے غیر قانونی ہے، اس تجاویز نے میڈیا کی آزادی کے لیے شدید خطرات پیدا کر دیے ہیں۔ آج جب دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں میڈیا اور حکومت کے درمیان اعتماد کا رشتہ برقرار رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے، اس طرح کی چھاپہ ما کارروائی کے شدید نقصانات اٹھانا پڑیں گے۔		