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CCP fines DHA Lahore, Wateen Telecom for restricting consumers choice

- Competition Tribunal holds CCP's penalties of Rs10m and Rs5m on DHA Lahore and Wateen Telecom respectively for an arrangement of limiting telecom and media services

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<https://www.telecoalert.com/2024/07/20/competition-tribunal-affirms-cpps-penalties-against-dha-lahore-and-wateen-telecom/>



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DHA Lahore, Wateen Telecom fined for exclusive agreement

July 22, 2024 (MLN): The Competition Appellate Tribunal has imposed fines of Rs10 million on DHA Lahore and Rs5m on Wateen Telecom for engaging in an exclusive agreement that restricted the provision of telecommunication and media services solely to Wateen Telecom within DHA Lahore.

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<https://mettisglobal.news/dha-lahore-wateen-telecom-fined-for-exclusive-agreement/>

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<https://pakistanintheworld.pk/live/dha-lahore-and-wateen-telecom-engaged-in-prohibited-agreements-that-restricted-consumer-choice/>

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<https://newztodays.com/competition-tribunal-affirms-ccps-penalties-against/>

ڈی ایچ اے، وطن ٹیلی کام کے خلا CCP جرمانے کی توثیق

سروسز فراہمی کو صرف وطن ٹیلی کام تک محدود کرنے پر ڈی ایچ اے پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ

جرمانے ایسے ممنوعہ معاہدے میں ملوث ہونے پر جو صارفین کی پسند کو محدود کرتے ہیں پر کیئے گئے، کمپنیشن ایبلٹ ٹریبونل

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار خصوصی) ایک اہم فیصلے میں، کمپنیشن ایبلٹ ٹریبونل نے ڈیفنس ہاسٹنگ اتھارٹی (ڈی ایچ اے) لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام (پرائیویٹ) لمیٹڈ کی طرف سے دائر کی گئی اپیلوں کو خارج کرتے ہوئے کمپنیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان میں ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کو ایسے ممنوعہ معاہدے میں ملوث ہونے پر جو صارفین کی پسند کو محدود کرتے ہیں، پر خاطر خواہ جرمانے عائد کیے گئے ہیں۔ کمپنیشن ایبلٹ ٹریبونل نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر سی سی پی کی طرف سے عائد معاہدے میں ملوث ہونے پر جو صارفین کی پسند کو

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کو برقرار رکھا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور کے اندر ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور میڈیا سروسز کی فراہمی کو صرف وطن ٹیلی کام تک محدود کرنے کے خصوصی انتظام پر ڈی ایچ اے لاہور پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ عائد کیا۔

۲۰ کپیشن ٹریڈ ۲۰۰۰ اے ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کی اپیلڈ خارج جرمانے میں توثیق

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اسلام آباد (نئی بات نیوز) کپیشن ٹریڈ (نئی بات نیوز) کپیشن ٹریڈ نے ایک اہم فیصلے میں ڈیفنس ہاؤسنگ اتھارٹی لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر ایویٹ لیٹنڈ کی طرف سے دائر کی گئی ایپلوں کو خارج کرتے ہوئے کپیشن ٹریڈ آف پاکستان آرڈر کو برقرار رکھا ہے۔ سی سی پی آرڈر میں ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کو ایسے ممنوعہ معاہدے میں ملوث ہونے پر جو صارفین کی پسند کو محدود کرتے ہیں، پر خاطر خواہ جرمانے عائد کیے گئے ہیں۔ کپیشن ٹریڈ نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر سی سی پی کی طرف سے عائد جرمانے کو برقرار رکھا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور کے اندر ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور میڈیا سروسز کی فراہمی کو صرف وطن ٹیلی کام تک محدود کرنے کے خصوصی انتظام پر ڈی ایچ اے لاہور پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ عائد کیا۔ سی سی پی نے یہ کارروائی ڈی ایچ اے لاہور کے رہائشیوں کی جانب سے وطن ٹیلی کام کے علاوہ دیگر خدمات فراہم کرنے والوں کو اجازت نہ دینے اور پیش کردہ خدمات کے غیر تسلی بخش معیار کے بارے میں متعدد شکایات وصول ہونے کے بعد شروع کی تھی۔ سی سی پی کی تحقیقات سے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کے درمیان ایک خصوصی انتظام کا انکشاف ہوا، جس میں ڈی ایچ اے کے مخصوص فیز میں صرف وطن ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور میڈیا کی خدمات فراہم کرنے کا واحد حق دیا گیا تھا۔ ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کے درمیان خصوصی معاہدہ کپیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 4 کے خلاف پایا گیا۔ نتیجتاً، سی سی پی نے 22 مارچ 2011 کے اپنے حکم نامے کے ذریعے، ڈی ایچ اے پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ عائد کیا اور وطن ٹیلی کام کو خصوصی حقوق فراہم کرنے والے معاہدے کی شکوں کو، جس میں راستے کا حق اور مٹی کھودنے کی اجازت شامل ہے، کو کالعدم اور غیر قانونی بغیر قرار دیا گیا۔ ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام دونوں نے سی سی پی کے فیصلے کے خلاف کپیشن ٹریڈ اسلام آباد میں اپیل کی۔ اور اس معاملے پر سماعتوں کے بعد، ٹریڈ نے سی سی پی کے نتائج اور جرمانے کی توثیق کرتے ہوئے دونوں اپیلیں خارج کر دیں۔

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کمپنیشن لیڈ ٹریبونل نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر سی سی پی کی طرف سے عائد جرمانے کو برقرار رکھا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور کے اندر ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور میڈیا سروسز کی فراہمی کو صرف وطن ٹیلی کام تک محدود کرنے کے خصوصی انتظام پر ڈی ایچ اے لاہور پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ عائد کیا۔

سی سی پی نے یہ کارروائی ڈی ایچ اے لاہور کے رہائشیوں کی جانب سے وطن ٹیلی کام کے علاوہ دیگر خدمات فراہم کرنے والوں کو اجازت نہ دینے اور پیش کردہ خدمات کے غیر تسلی بخش معیار کے بارے میں متعدد شکایات وصول ہونے کے بعد شروع کی تھی۔

سی سی پی کی تحقیقات سے ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کے درمیان ایک خصوصی انتظام کا انکشاف ہوا، جس میں ڈی ایچ اے کے مخصوص فیڈ میں صرف وطن ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور میڈیا کی خدمات فراہم کرنے کا وعدہ دیا گیا تھا۔ ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام کے درمیان خصوصی معاہدہ کمپنیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 4 کے خلاف پایا گیا۔ نتیجتاً، سی سی پی نے 22 مارچ 2011 کے اپنے حکم نامے کے ذریعے، ڈی ایچ اے پر ایک کروڑ روپے اور وطن ٹیلی کام پر 50 لاکھ روپے جرمانہ عائد کیا اور وطن ٹیلی کام کو خصوصی حقوق فراہم کرنے والے معاہدے کی شکایات کو جس میں رائے کا حق اور منہی محدود کرنے کی اجازت شامل ہے، کو کالعدم اور غیر قانونی بلکہ قرار دیا گیا۔

ڈی ایچ اے لاہور اور وطن ٹیلی کام دونوں نے سی سی پی کے فیصلے کے خلاف کمپنیشن لیڈ ٹریبونل اسلام آباد میں اپیل کی۔ اور اس معاملے پر سماعتوں کے بعد، ٹریبونل نے سی سی پی کے نتائج اور جرمانے کی توثیق کرتے ہوئے دونوں اپیلیں خارج کر دیں۔