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“CCP REMAINS VIGILANT IN FULFILLING ITS STATUTORY ROLE AMID SUGAR CRISIS”

CCP says strictly monitoring ongoing sugar situation

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Islamabad: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is strictly monitoring the ongoing sugar "crisis" in the country.

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Sources told Business Recorder that in 2009, the CCP after concluding an enquiry against the PSMA for cartelisation suggested imposition of maximum penalty on the PSMA. But the PSMA took a stay order from the Sindh High Court (SHC). The SHC also restrained CCP from making the order public.

The CCP has been an open advocate for opening the sugar sector to competition and ending the government role in this sector as well as other sectors of the economy.

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Competition watchdog monitoring sugar crisis

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday said that the ongoing sugar crisis was being monitored, and if any indications of anti-competitive activities were found, the CCP would take appropriate enforcement and policy actions.

In 2021, the CCP not only carried out raids at the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) but had imposed penalties amounting to Rs44 billion on the PSMA and its member sugar mills for cartelisation.

However, the CCP's decision was challenged in the high courts of Sindh and Punjab and the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) and recovery of penalties has been stayed.

The Appellate Tribunal has been dysfunctional since July 14 due to the expiry of the term of its chairman while the cases of sugar mills and similar important cases are pending.

Earlier, the CAT had been dysfunctional for 7.5 years since 2010 leading to a huge backlog of cases, however, the CCP has taken proactive measures against cartelisation in the sugar sector, demonstrating its commitment to ensuring fair competition, but the delays in the appointment of the chairman Competition Appellate Tribunal, the Appellate Tribunal appeals were being delayed.

A senior official of the CCP said that the commission acknowledges the due legal processes associated with judicial review, and expediting the resolution of cartel cases is crucial for delivering effective relief to consumers.

The official said that the protracted delays in resolving cartel cases will negatively impact both consumers and the overall economy.

Antitrust watchdog says monitoring sugar crisis

Recalls CCP raided offices of Pakistan Sugar Mills Association in 2021 and imposed Rs44bn penalties; laments recovery of penalties was subsequently stayed

By our correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has said action against the sugar mafia is facing stay orders by High Courts in Sindh and Punjab, so penalties of Rs44 billion could not be recovered.

The CCP's statement issued here on Thursday stated that the CCP is monitoring the ongoing sugar crisis in the country. It will take appropriate enforcement and policy actions if any indications of anti-competitive activities are found.

The statement highlighted that the CCP carried out raids on the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) in 2021 and imposed substantial penalties of Rs44 billion on PSMA and its member sugar mills for cartelization.

But the CCP's decision was appealed against in the High Courts of Sindh and Punjab, and in the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) where eventually recovery of penalties was stayed.

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سی سی پی ملک بھر میں چینی کے بحران پر گہری نظر رکھے ہوئے ہے

گر شوگر سیکٹر میں کوئی بھی مہیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو پالیسی کارروائی کی جائے گی

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) کمپنیشن کمشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) حالیہ دنوں میں ملک بھر میں چینی کے بحران پر گہری نظر رکھے ہوئے ہے۔ اگر شوگر سیکٹر میں کوئی بھی مہیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو سی سی پی مناسب انفرسٹراکچر اور پالیسی کارروائی کرے گا۔ یہاں یہ بات بھی اہم کہ مہیٹیشن اپیلٹ ٹریبیونل گذشتہ دس سالوں میں سے ساڑھے سات سال حکومت کی جانب سے تقرری نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال رہا ہے جس کی وجہ سے بہت سے کیسز زیر التوا ہیں۔ حکومت جتنا جلد اس کے چیئرمین کا تقرر کرے گی، اپیلٹ ٹریبیونل اتنی ہی جلد اپیلوں کو حتمی شکل دے گا۔

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دے سکتا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے شوگر سیکٹر میں کارٹلائزیشن کے خلاف فعال اقدامات کئے ہیں تاکہ اس سیکٹر میں منصفانہ مہیٹیشن کو ممکن بنایا جاسکے۔ اگرچہ سی سی پی چیوڈیشل ریویو سے منسلک قانونی عمل کو تسلیم کرتا ہے لیکن اس کے ساتھ ہی صارفین کو موثر ریلیف فراہم کرنے کے لئے کارٹل کیسز پر جلد فیصلے بھی اتنے ہی اہم۔ کارٹل کے معاملات کو حل کرنے میں تاخیر صارفین اور معیشت کے لئے نقصان دہ ہے۔ یہ سمجھنا بھی ضروری کہ کارٹلائزیشن، مارکیٹ کا غلط استعمال اور بالادستی کا غلط استعمال انڈسٹری میں نئے آنے والوں کے لئے رکاوٹ بنتا ہے، غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کی حوصلہ شکنی ہوتی ہے اور مہیٹیشن متاثر ہونے کی وجہ سے صارفین کے لئے قیمتوں میں اضافے کا باعث بن بھی بنتا ہے۔ سی سی پی صارفین کے تحفظ اور منصفانہ مہیٹیشن کے فروغ کے لئے سرگرم عمل ہے۔

مسابقتی کمیشن چینی کے بحران پر گہری نظر رکھے ہوئے ہے ترجمان

شوگر سیکٹر میں کوئی بھی مسابقت مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو مناسب انفورسمنٹ اور پالیسی کارروائی کریں گے

اسلام آباد (کامرس رپورٹر) مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان حالیہ دنوں میں ملک بھر میں چینی کے بحران پر گہری نظر رکھے ہوئے ہے۔ اگر شوگر سیکٹر میں کوئی بھی مسابقت مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو سی سی پی مناسب انفورسمنٹ اور پالیسی کارروائی کرے گا، سی سی پی ترجمان کے مطابق سی سی پی نے سال 2021 میں چھاپے مارے اور کارٹلائزیشن میں ملوث ہونے پر شوگر ملوں پر 44 ارب روپے کا بھاری جرمانہ عائد کیا تھا۔ تاہم سی سی پی فیصلے کے خلاف سندھ اور پنجاب کی ہائی کورٹس اور مسابقتی اپیلٹ ٹریبیونل میں اپیلیں دائر

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بقیہ **ترجمان** **1**

کی لیس اور جرمانے کی وصولی روک دی گئی۔ اپیلٹ ٹریبیونل 14 جولائی 2023 سے اپنے چیئرمین کی میعاد ختم ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال ہے جب کہ شوگر ملز اور اسی طرح کے متعدد اہم کیسز زیر التوا ہیں۔

مسابقتی کمیشن کا اپیلٹ ٹریبونل چیرمین سے محروم، چینی، سیمنٹ سیکٹرز کی اپیلیں التوا کا شکار

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) ملک میں چینی کی قیمت 250 روپے فی کلو تک پہنچ گئی ہے تاہم مسابقتی کمیشن کا اپیلٹ (باقی صفحہ 6 لقمہ 50)

بقیہ نمبر 50 چیرمین سے محروم

ٹریبونل چیرمین سے محروم ہے۔ مسابقتی کمیشن کے اپیلٹ ٹریبونل کا چیرمین نہ ہونے سے شوگر، سیمنٹ اور دیگر صنعتی شعبوں میں بلا جواز قیمتیں بڑھنے پر شروع کی گئی کارروائی کیخلاف اپیلیوں پر سماعت التوا کا شکار ہے۔ کمیشن گزشتہ 10 سال میں سے ساڑھے 7 سال چیرمین کی تقرری نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال رہا ہے۔

چینی بحران میں اپنا کردار ادا کرنے کیلئے چوکنا: سی سی پی

شوگر سیکٹر میں کسی بھی کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمی پر فوری کارروائی ہوگی

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نئی بات

کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو سی سی پی مناسب انفورسمنٹ اور پالیسی کارروائی کریگا۔ اس بات کا اظہار بہت ضروری ہے کہ سی سی پی نے سال 2021 میں پی

ایس ایم اے پر چھاپے مارے اور کارٹیلائزیشن میں ملوث ہونے پر پی ایس ایم اے اور ممبر شوگر ملوں پر 44 ارب روپے کا بھاری جرمانہ عائد کیا تھا۔ تاہم سی سی پی فیصلے کے خلاف سندھ اور پنجاب کی ہائی کورٹس اور کمپنیشن اپیلٹ ٹریبونل میں اپیلیں دائر کی گئیں اور جرمانے کی وصولی روک دی گئی۔ اپیلٹ ٹریبونل 14 جولائی 2023 سے اپنے چیئرمین کی میعاد ختم ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال ہے جب کہ شوگر ملز اور اسی طرح کے متعدد اہم کیسز زیر التوا ہیں۔

سی سی پی کا چیلنج کے حالیہ بحران بدقانونی کردار اور نیر کا عندیہ

اگر شوگر سیکٹر میں کوئی بھی کمیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمی ظاہر ہوئی تو کمیٹیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان مناسب انفرسٹرکچر اور پالیسی کارروائی کریگا

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ایپیلٹ ٹریبونل

بقیہ

کمیٹیشن ایپیلٹ ٹریبونل میں اپیلیں دائر کی گئیں اور جرمانے کی وصولی روک دی گئی۔ ایپیلٹ ٹریبونل 14 جولائی 2023 سے اپنے چیئر مین کی میعاد ختم ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال ہے جب کہ شوگر سیکٹر اور اسی طرح کے متعدد اہم کیسز زیر التوا ہیں۔ یہاں یہ بات بھی اہم کہ کمیٹیشن ایپیلٹ ٹریبونل گذشتہ دس سالوں میں سے ساڑھے سات سال حکومت کی جانب سے تقرری نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے غیر فعال رہا ہے جس کی وجہ سے بہت سے کیسز زیر التوا ہیں۔ حکومت جتنا جلد اس کے چیئر مین کا تقرر کرے گی، ایپیلٹ ٹریبونل اتنی ہی جلد اپیلوں کو تہمتی شکل دے سکتا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے شوگر سیکٹر میں کارٹلائزیشن کے خلاف فعال اقدامات کئے ہیں تاکہ اس سیکٹر میں منصفانہ کمیٹیشن کو ممکن بنایا جاسکے۔ اگرچہ سی سی پی جیوڈیشل ریویو سے منسلک قانونی عمل کو تسلیم کرتا ہے لیکن اس کے ساتھ ہی صارفین کو منوٹر ریلیف فراہم کرنے کے لئے کارٹل کیسز پر جلد فیصلے بھی اٹھنے ہی اہم۔ کارٹل کے معاملات کو حل کرنے میں تاخیر صارفین اور معیشت کے لئے نقصان دہ ہے۔ یہ سمجھنا بھی ضروری کہ کارٹلائزیشن، مارکیٹ کا غلط استعمال اور بالادستی کا غلط استعمال انڈسٹری میں سنے آنے والوں کے لئے رکاوٹ بنتا ہے، غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کی حوصلہ شکنی ہوتی ہے اور کمیٹیشن متاثر ہونے کی وجہ سے صارفین کے لئے قیمتوں میں اضافے کا باعث بنتا ہے۔ سی سی پی صارفین کے تحفظ اور منصفانہ کمیٹیشن کے فروغ کے لئے سرگرم عمل ہے۔

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Competition Commission of Pakistan Says It Is Monitoring Current Sugar Crisis

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However, CCP's decision was appealed against in the High Courts of Sindh and Punjab, and in the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) and the recovery of penalties has been stayed. The Appellate Tribunal has been dysfunctional since 14th July 2023 due to the expiry of the term of its Chairman whilst cases of sugar mills and similar important cases are pending. It is important to note that CAT has been dysfunctional for 7.5 years since 2010 leading to a huge backlog of cases. The sooner the Government appoints its Chairman, the quicker the Appellate Tribunal can finalize the appeals.

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It is important to realize that cartelization, market abuse, and abuse of dominance prevent new entrants in the industry and discourage foreign investment. The lack of competition results in higher prices for consumers. CCP said that it is fully cognizant and vigilant in safeguarding consumers and promoting fair competition.

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CCP Remains Vigilant In Fulfilling Its Statutory Role Amid Sugar Crisis

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 7th Sep, 2023) :The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is monitoring the ongoing sugar crisis in the country and will take appropriate enforcement and policy actions if any indications of anti-competitive activities are found.

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The CCP is diligently monitoring the situation, ready to take appropriate enforcement and policy actions should any indications of anti-competitive activities emerge.

This vigilance is not new for the CCP. In 2021, the commission conducted dawn raids on the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) and imposed substantial penalties amounting to Rs44 billion on PSMA and its member sugar mills for their involvement in cartelization practices.

However, the road to justice has not been without its challenges.

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