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## Cement 'cartel' inquiry proceeds

CCP team searches APCMA office in Lahore

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: Teams of Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday carried out search and inspection of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) in Lahore.

The move is part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate possible anti-competitive activities by

cement manufacturers.

The CCP enquiry was initiated on the information gathered through various media reports and complaints regarding increase in cement prices, particularly during the month of April 2020.

The reports indicated that an increase of Rs45-55 per cement bag was apparently decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella

of APCMA.

Some of the media reports also quoted cement dealers saying that the leading cement companies in the north region had collectively decided to increase the

cement prices by Rs55 per bag.

A CCP official said an initial analysis by enquiry officers to see the cement companies' profitability trend shows that due to the lower demand of cement in the first quarter of 2020, the companies had to undergo financial losses at variance. However, the increase in price was in stark contrast, raising concerns of collective decision making and price fixing by the cement manufacturers.

Some other players of the construction industry also hinted upon the cement cartel in North region becoming active following price increase trend in the area. Official data available with the CCP indicated the cement price increase of 4 per cent in Islamabad, 10pc in Lahore, and 6pc in Peshawar from the second week of April 2020.

The official said the sudden rise in price by the cement manufacturers at a time when there is low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufactures and considering that input fuel cost (coal and oil), transportation and interest rate have declined raises suspicion of a collective rise in price by cement companies.

The CCP has noted that the production capacity of cement sector has increased from 44 million tonnes in

2014 to 69m tonnes in 2020.

It added that the losses incurred by the cement sector and increase in the price of cement in a similar time period raises suspicion of collective decision of the cement companies to recover losses incurred due unutilised installed capacities.

"But the cement sector has history of collusive activities and they have been imposed a collective penalty of Rs6.3 billion on account of involvement in the prohibited agreements," said an official of the CCP.

However, the matter was under litigation as cement companies had obtained stay order from the Lahore High Court.

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# Competition Commission of Pakistan raids cement manufacturers' Lahore office

IMRAN ALI KUNDI **ISLAMABAD** 

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday carried out a search and inspection of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (AP-CMA) in Lahore.

The CCP has conducted search and inspection as part of an enquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers. Two different teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and a member of APCMA. Since a senior employee of one of major cement company is also the office bearer of the APCMA's Executive Committee, representing the north region, therefore, the Commission also conducted Search and inspection of the premises of member concern with the objective to gather evidence of any collusive arrangement for the purposes of the Act.

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transportation and interest rate in violation of Section 04 of the Act. In 2012 the Commission again initiated enquiry against cement companies, however the same could not be preceded further due to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court.

Under Section 34 of the Act the authorized officers of the Commission have access to any premises, place, accounts, documents and computers, including computer stored information, on the Premise and to impound, or make extracts or copies of, any document and account relating to any agreement made or decision taken, or to their implementation, by Undertaking. In case an undertaking refuses, without reasonable cause, to allow the authorized officers of Commission to exercise the aforesaid powers the Commission can make forcible entry. The search has been carried out to gather the evidence of possible communication, arrangement, agreement, or understanding between the cement producers pertaining to lion on account of involvement the violation of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2010.

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Anti-competitive practices

CCP raids premises of cement association, confiscates records

#### **Our correspondent**

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The CCP team confiscated records during the raid that might help establishing alleged anti-competitive practices of the influential cement sector. According to CCP's announcement on Thursday, two different teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and a member of APCMA.

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### CCP raids Lahore offices of cement manufacturers' association

STAFF REPORT

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As a part of the inspection, two teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and the office of one of its member firms. The commission dedicated a team to investigate one of the member companies of APCMA because a senior employee of this company is also the office bearer of the APCMA's executive committee, representing the northern region. Hence, an inspection of the premises of the member firm was essential to determine any signs of collusive arrangements for the purposes of the Com-

petition Act, 2010.

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Sudden increase in price by the cement manufacturers at a time when there is low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufactures and considering that input fuel cost (coal and oil), transportation and interest rate have declined raises suspicion of a collective rise in price by cement companies.

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It is pertinent to mention here that the cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalized in the past to an amount of collectively more than Rs6.3 billion on account of involvement in the uncompetitive practices that stand in violation of Section 04 of the Competition Act, 2010.

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an enquiry against cement companies, however the same could not proceed further due to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court.

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### **Daily Spokesman**

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# CCP CONDUCTS SEARCH & INSPECTION OF ALL PAKISTAN CEMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S LAHORE OFFICES

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### **Urdu Point**

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# **CCP Conducts Search Inspection of APCMA Lahore Office**

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Two different teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and a member of APCMA, said a press release issued by CCP here on Thursday. Since a senior employee of one of major cement company is also the office bearer of APCMA's Executive Committee, representing the north region, therefore, the Commission also conducted Search and inspection of the premises of member concern with the objective to gather evidence of any collusive arrangement for the purposes of the Act.

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### PkRevenue.com

25 September 2020 Online

# CCP raids cement manufacturers association for possible cartelization

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday raided the central office of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) and seized suspicious record.

In a statement the CCP said that as part of an enquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anticompetitive activities by the cement manufacturers, carried out a search and inspection of the APCMA in Lahore on Thursday.

It said that two different teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and a member of APCMA. "Since a senior employee of one of major cement company is also the office bearer of the APCMA's Executive Committee, representing the north region, therefore, the commission also conducted search and inspection of the premises of member concern with the objective to gather evidence of any collusive arrangement for the purposes of the Act," it added.

The CCP said that the enquiry was started based on the information gathered through various media reports, and concerns and complaints expressed regarding a concurrent increase in cement prices, particularly during the month of April 2020.

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### Pro Pakistani

25 September 2020 Online

# **CCP Raids Office of Cement Producers' Body for Probing Cartelization**

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Sudden rise in price by the cement manufacturers at a time when there is low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufactures and considering that input fuel cost (coal and oil), transportation and interest rate have declined raises suspicion of a collective rise in price by cement companies.

It may be noted here that the production capacity of the cement sector has increased from 44 million tons in 2014 to 69 million tons in 2020. The losses incurred by the cement sector and the increase in the price of cement in a similar time period raises suspicion of a collective decision of the cement companies to recover losses incurred due to unutilized installed capacities.

It is pertinent to mention here that the cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalized in the past to an amount of collectively more than Rs. 6.3 billion on account of involvement in the prohibited agreements in violation of Section 04 of the Act.

In 2012 the Commission again initiated enquiry against cement companies, however the same could not be proceeded further due to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court.

Under Section 34 of the Act the authorized officers of the Commission have access to any premises, place, accounts, documents and computers, including computer-stored information, on the Premise and to impound, or make extracts or copies of, any document and account relating to any agreement made or decision taken, or to their implementation, by Undertaking. In case an undertaking refuses, without reasonable cause, to allow the authorized officers of Commission to exercise the aforesaid powers the Commission can make a forcible entry.

The search has been carried out to gather the evidence of possible communication, arrangement, agreement, or understanding between the cement producers pertaining to the violation of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2010.

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# **CCP conducts search inspection of APCMA Lahore office**

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), as part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by cement manufacturers, carried out a search and inspection of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) in Lahore today.

Two different teams entered and searched the APCMA main office and a member of APCMA, said a press release issued by CCP here on Thursday.

Since a senior employee of one of major cement company is also the office bearer of APCMA's Executive Committee, representing the north region, therefore, the Commission also conducted Search and inspection of the premises of member concern with the objective to gather evidence of any collusive arrangement for the purposes of the Act.

The inquiry was started based on the information gathered through various media reports, and concerns and complaints expressed regarding a concurrent increase in cement prices, particularly during the month of April 2020.

The reports indicated that an increase of Rs.45 to Rs.55 per cement bag was apparently decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella of APCMA.

Some of the media reports also quoted cement dealers saying that the leading cement companies in the north region had collectively decided to increase the cement prices by Rs. 55 per bag.

From the analysis done by the CCP's inquiry officers to see the cement companies' profitability trend, it transpired that due to the lower demand of cement in the first quarter of 2020, the companies had to undergo financial losses at variance, however, the increase in price was starkly parallel, raising concerns of collective decision making and price fixing by the cement manufacturers.

Some other players of the construction industry also hinted upon the cement cartel in the North region becoming active following price increase trend in northern region.

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سی بی کا سیمنٹ مینو بیچرر السوسی الیشن کے دفتر پر چھاپیہ اسلام آباد (ارشاد انصاری ہے) مسابقی کمیشن آف یا کتان (سی بی پی) نے آل یا کتان سینٹ مینو فیچرر ایسوسی (یاقی صفحہ 8 نمبر 15)

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ایش کے مرکزی دفتر پر چھاپہ مارکرریکارڈ قبضہ میں کیا ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا جس میں گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ مہیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں ہی ہی کی دو ٹیموں نے سیمنٹ مینوی چررایسوی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اورایک ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن کیا۔ سی پی بی نے سال ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن کیا۔ سی پی بی نے سال میمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں کیساں اضافے کی خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے معالے برجھیقات شروع کی ہیں۔ نوٹس لیتے ہوئے معالے برجھیقات شروع کی ہیں۔ نوٹس لیتے ہوئے معالے برجھیقات شروع کی ہیں۔

## Daily Nawa-i-Waqt

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# سی پی کا سینٹ مینونی چررایسوی ایش کے دفاتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لےلیا

## سرچ اسپیکشن سی سی کی جانب سے مئی **2020 می**ں شروع کی گئی ایک انگوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) کمپیٹیشن کمیش آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینونیکچر رایبوی ایشن کے آف پاکستان (سیسی پی)نے آج لاہور میں واقع مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ صفحہ10 پربقیہ نمبر18

> البقیبہ 18 سرج اسپیکشن اسپیکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لےلیا۔ بیسرچ اسپیکشن ی ی پی کی جانب سے می 2000 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے

نےآل ماکتان سمنٹ مینوفیکچررایسوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر اور مرج المليكشن كيا- چونكها يك الهم سينث لمپنى كے سينير ملازم آل معاہدے کا بید چلایا جاسکے۔سی کی نے سال 200 کے آغاز الخصوص ایر مل 200 کے مہینے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں ال اضافے کی میڈیاخروں کا نوٹس کیتے ہوئے اس معاملے يرتحقيقات شروع كيں جس كےدوران ية جلا كرسين بنانے والی کئی کمپنیول نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوی ایشن کی سریرتی میں ہاہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55 رویے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ میڈیار پورٹس کے مطابق کی بڑے سیمنٹ ڈیلرز نے کہا کہ پاکتان کے شالی ریجن کے معروف سمنٹ مینونی چروز نے بھی مشتر کہ طور پر سمنٹ بیگ کی قیت مر55روياضافے كافيصله كيا۔



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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ)مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستا ن (سی سی پی) نے لاہور میں آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میںچھاپہ مارکر ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ چھاپہ سی سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میںماراگیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں ۔ سی سی پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر تعقیقات کے مطابق سیمنٹ بنانے والی کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوسی ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔

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نے لا ہور میں واقع آل پاکستان سینٹ مینونیکے رز الیوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ السیشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لےلیا۔ بیسرچ انسپکشن سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انگوائری کے سلسلے میں کی گئی جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبه كمپثيثن مخالف سرگرميوں كى تحقيقات كى حارہى ہیں ۔سی می کی دومختلف ٹیموں نے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکتان سمنٹ مینونی چررز ایسوی ایش کے ایک مبر کے دفتر کی سرج السیشن کی ۔ چونکہ ایک اہم سیمنیٹ ممپنی کے سینئر ملازم آل پاکتان سیمنٹ مینوفی کچررز ایسوی ایش کی ایگریکٹو ممیٹی کے بھی عہد بدار ہیں جو کہ ملک کے شالی ریجن کی نمائندگی كرتے ہیں اس لئے سى لى نے اس متعلقہ ممبر كے دفتر کی سرچ انسپکشن کی تا کیمتعلقه سیٹم میں کسی ساز بازے کئے گئے کمپٹیشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جا سکے سی می لی نے سال 2020کے آغاز پالخصوص ایریل 2020 کے مہینے کے دوران سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں کیساں اضافے کی میڈیا خروں کا نوٹس کتے ہوئے اس معاملے کی تحقیقات شروع کیں،جس کے دوران پیتہ جلا کہ سمنٹ بنانے والی کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوی ایشن کی سریرستی میں ماہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق رائے سے سينك كي قيمتول مين 45سے 55رو سے اضافے كا فیصلہ کیا۔میڈیار پورٹس کےمطابق کی بڑے سیمنٹ ڈیلرزنے کہا کہ پاکستان کے شالی ریجن کے معروف سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز نے بھی مشتر کہ طور پرسیمنٹ بیگ کی قیت میں 55 رویے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ی سی نی انکوائری فیم کی تحقیقات کے مطابق سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع کے رجحان کا جائزہ لینے سے انکشاف ہوا کہاس سال کے اوائل میں طلب کی کمی اور کئی دیگر وجوہات کی بنا پرسیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات میں ہر کمپنی کی انفرادی حجم کےمطابق کمی واقع ہوئی تاہم قیتوں کے اضافہ میں مکسانیت نے سینٹ کمینوں کے درمیان گھ جوڑ کے شکوک وشبہات پیدا کے ہیں جو کہ سینٹ مینولیکچررز کی جانب سے مشتر کہ فیصلہ سازی اور برائس فکسنگ کے خدشات کوظاہر کرتے ہیں سیسی کی کے پاس موجود سرکاری اعدادوشار کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں ا پر مل کے دوسرے ہفتے ہے مجموعی طور پر 4 فی صد اضافيه، لا ہور میں 10 فی صداور بیثاور میں 6 فی صد اضافه و مکھنے میں آیا۔ بداضافہ تیل اور کوئلہ کی عالمی قیتوں میں کمی ، پاکستان میں شرح سود میں کمی اور طلب میں مجموعی کمی کے باوجود و کیھنے میں آیا، جو كمينيش كے خدشات كوجنم ديتے ہيں۔ يہ بات بھى اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی تی تی ہی سینٹ سیکٹر کو کمپٹیشن ا یک کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روبے سےزائد کے جرمانے عائد کرچکا ہے۔

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# سی می بی کا سینٹ مینولینچرر کے وفاتر پر چھایا،ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا

اسلام آباد(مانیرنگ ڈیسک) مسابقتی ت كروز لا مورس واقع آل ياكتان الكارة بعند من لے لياہ۔ يدمري رمین مشتیدمسابقت فالفساس گرمیون کی ت کی جاری ہیں۔ ی سی لی کی دومخلف ٹیوں نے آل ماکتان سینٹ میٹوفی پردایوی ایش کے مركزي ونتر اورآل ياكتان سمنت مينوفيكجرر ايسوى ایش کے ایک ممبر کے وقتر کا سرچ اسپیکھن کیا تاکہ اریس سی ساز بازے کے محصر معاہدے کا جا طاما ما سكورى ل في 2020 كمة غاز بالنسوم ایر ال 2020 کے میلئے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیتوں میں یکسان اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس کتے ہوئے ال معالم ير تحقيقات شروع كي بير.



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ریکارڈ قبضے میں لے لیا،ماضی میں بھی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو 6.3ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے ہو چکے ہیں،سی سی پی

## مسابقتی کمیشن کا سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررایسوسی ایشن کے دفتر پر چھاپہ

اسٹاف رائٹر اشاعت 24 ستمبر 2020 - 20:03

اسلام آباد: مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینو فیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر پر چھا یہ مار کر ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا ہے۔

مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے جمعرات کے روز لاہور میں واقع آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ انسپکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا ہے۔ یہ سرچ انسپیکشن سی سی پی

کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ مسابقت مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں۔

سی سی پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن کیا تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر میں کسی ساز بازسے کئے گئے معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جا سکے، سی سی پی نے 2020 کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020 کے مہینے کے دوران سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں یکساں اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کی ہیں۔ مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان تحقیقات کے مطابق سیمنٹ بنانے والی گئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوسی ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے، ماضی میں بھی سی بی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمپیٹیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جربانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔



## سی سی پی کا آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینو فیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا گیا

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سی سی پی کا آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینو فیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا گیا

سرچ انسپیکشن سی سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیاگیا

اسلام آباد (ویب ڈیسک )کمپیٹیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے جمعرات کو لاہور میں واقع آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ انسپیکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ سرچ انسپیکشن سی سی پی کی جانب سے منی 2020 میں شروع کی

گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیاگیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں ۔ جاری تفصیلات کے مطابق سی سی پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن کیاچونکہ ایک اہم سیمنٹ

کمپیٹیشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جا سکے۔ سی سی پی نے سال 2020کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020کے مہینے کے دوران سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں یکساں اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کیں جس کے دوران پتہ چلا کہ سیمنٹ بنانے والی کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوسی ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق کئی بڑے سیمنٹ ڈیلرز نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے شمالی ریجن کے معروف سیمنٹ مینو فیکچررز نے بھی مشترکہ طور پر سیمنٹ بیگ کی قیمت میں 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔سی سی پی انکوائری ٹیم کی تحقیقات کے مطابق سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع کے رجحان کا جائزہ لینے سے انکشاف ہوا کہ اس سال کے اوائل میں طلب کی کمی اور کئی دیگر وجوبات کی بنا پر سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات میں ہرکمپنی کی انفرادی حجم کے مطابق کمی واقع ہوئی ہم قیمتوں کے اضافہ میں یکسانیت نے سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان گٹھ جوڑ کے شکوک و شبہات بیدا کئے بینجو کہ سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز کی جانب سے مشترکہ فیصلہ سازی اور پرائس فکسنگ کے خدشات کو ظاہر کرتے ہیں سی سی پی کے پاس موجود سرکاری اعدادوشمار کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں اپریل کے دوسرے ہفتے سے مجموعی طور پر چار فی صد اضافہ ، لاہور میں دس فی صد اور پشاور میں چھ فی صد اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیایہ اضافہ تیل اور کوئلہ کی عالمی قیمتوں میں کمی ، پاکستان میں شرح سود میں کمی اور طلب میں مجموعی کمی کے باوجود دیکھنے میں آیا، جو کمپیٹیشن خدشات کو جنم دیتے ہیں یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمپیٹیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہےسی سی پی نے یہ سر چ انسپکشن سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان کسی بھی طرح کی کمپیٹیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کے شواہد اکٹھا کرنے کے لئے کیا۔



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September 24, 2020



اسلام آباد: کمپیشیش کمیش آف پاکتان (ی ی پی) نے آل پاکتا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ انسپیکش کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔

یہ سرچ انسپیکشن می می پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک اکوارُری کے سلسلے میں کیاگیا جس میں میں سینٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپیٹیشن مخالف سر گرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں ۔ جاری تفصیلات کے مطابق می می پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے آل پاکتا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکتا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکتا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن کیا۔

چونکہ ایک اہم سینٹ کمپنی کے سینیئر ملازم آل پاکتا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کی انگیزیکٹو کمپنی کے بھی عہدے دار ہیں جو کہ ملک کے شالی ریجن کی نمائندگی کرتے ہیں اس لئے سی سی پی نے اس متعلقہ ممبر کے دفتر کا سر چی انسیکشن کیا تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر بیں کمی ساز بازسے کئے گئے کمپیشیشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جا سکے۔ سی سی نی نے سال انسانے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس کے 2020کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020کے مہینے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیتوں میں یکساں اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس معالمے پر تحقیقات شروع کیں۔

جس کے دوران پیۃ چلا کہ سینٹ بنانے والی کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوی ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق کئی بڑے سینٹ ولیکرز نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے شالی ریجن کے معروف سینٹ مینو فیکچررز نے بھی مشتر کہ طور پر سیمنٹ بیگ کی قیمت میں ولیکرز نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے شالی ریجن کے معروف سیمنٹ مینو فیکچررز نے بھی مشتر کہ طور پر سیمنٹ بیگ کی قیمت میں 55 روپ اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔س می پی انگوائری شیم کی تحقیقات کے مطابق سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع کے رجمان کا جائزہ لینے سے انکشاف ہوا کہ اس سال کے اوائل میں طلب کی کی اور کئی دیگر وجوبات کی بنا پر سینٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات



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میں ہر کمپنی کی انفرادی جم کے مطابق کی واقع ہوئی ہم قیمتوں کے اضافہ میں بکسانیت نے سینٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان گھ جوڑ کے شکوک و شبہات پیدا کئے ہیں بوکہ کہ سینٹ مینوفیکچررز کی جانب سے مشتر کہ فیصلہ سازی اور پرائس فکسنگ کے خدشات کو ظاہر کرتے ہیں ۔

ی می پی کے پاس موجود سرکاری اعدادو شار کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں اپریل کے دوسرے ہفتے سے مجموعی طور پر چار فی صد اضافہ ، لاہور میں دس فی صد اور پشاور میں چھ فی صد اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا۔ یہ اضافہ تیل اور کوئلہ کی عالمی قیمتوں میں کی ، پاکستان میں شرح سود میں کی اور طلب میں مجموعی کی کے باوجود دیکھنے میں آیا، جو کہپیشیشن خدشات کو جنم دیتے ہیں ۔ یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمنٹ سکٹر کو کمپیشیشن ایکٹ کے کہیشن کا کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے یہ سرچ انسیشن سینٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان کسی بھی طرح کی کمپیشیشن مخالف سر گرمیوں کے شواہد اکٹھا کرنے کے لئے کیا۔