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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.

Competition Commission of Pakistan raids cement manufacturers' Lahore office

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ISLAMABAD

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday carried out a search and inspection of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) 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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Anti-competitive practices

CCP raids premises of cement association, confiscates records

Our correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), as part of an enquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers, on Thursday raided two premises of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) in Lahore.

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.

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.

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CCP raids Lahore offices of cement manufacturers' association

ISLAMABAD

STAFF REPORT

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), as part of an enquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive practices by the cement manufacturers, on Thursday carried out investigation of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) in Lahore.

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-

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

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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 anti-competitive 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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CCP Raids Office of Cement Producers' Body for Probing Cartelization

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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.

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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.

The official data available with the CCP indicated the cement price increase of 4 percent in Islamabad, 10 percent in Lahore, and 6 percent in Peshawar from the second week of April 2020.

From analysis of the information obtained from the news reports, price trends and facts gathered pertaining the same, it appears that objective basis, if any, needed to be assessed and/or the correlation between increase in the price of cement and grounds presented by the representatives of the cement industry.

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.

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اسلام آباد (ارشاد انصاری سے) مسابقتی
کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے آل پاکستان
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سی سی پی

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ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر پر چھاپہ مار کر ریکارڈ قبضہ میں
لے لیا۔ یہ سرچ اسپیکشن مئی 2020 میں شروع کی
گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا جس میں
سیمینٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی
تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں، سی سی پی کی دو ٹیموں نے
سیمینٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور ایک
ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن کیا۔ سی سی پی نے سال
2020 کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020 کے دوران
سیمینٹ کی قیمتوں میں یکساں اضافے کی خبروں کا
نوٹس لیتے ہوئے معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کی ہیں۔

سی سی پی کا سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) اسپیکشن کمیشن آل پاکستان سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے آج لاہور میں واقع مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ صفحہ 10 پر لقیہ نمبر 18

سرچ اسپیکشن 18 لقیہ

اسپیکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ سرچ اسپیکشن سی سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے لاہور میں آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں چھاپہ مارکر ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ چھاپہ سی سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں مارا گیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپیٹیشن 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 پر چھاپہ مارا۔ سی سی پی تحقیقات 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۔

نے لاہور میں واقع آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ اسپکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ سرچ اسپکشن سی سی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائری کے سلسلے میں کی گئی جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جارہی ہیں۔ سی سی پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک ممبر کے دفتر کی سرچ اسپکشن کی۔ چونکہ ایک اہم سیمنٹ کمپنی کے سینئر ملازم آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن کی ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی کے بھی عہدہ دار ہیں جو کہ ملک کے شمالی ریجن کی نمائندگی کرتے ہیں اس لئے سی سی پی نے اس متعلقہ ممبر کے دفتر کی سرچ اسپکشن کی تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر میں کسی ساز باز سے کئے گئے کمپنیشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جاسکے۔ سی سی پی نے سال 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 کی 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 رائے 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 مینوفیکچررز 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 وجوہات کی بنا پر سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات میں ہر کمپنی کی انفرادی حجم کے مطابق کمی واقع ہوئی تاہم قیمتوں کے اضافہ میں یکسانیت نے سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان گٹھ جوڑ کے شکوک و شبہات پیدا کئے ہیں جو کہ سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز کی جانب سے مشترکہ فیصلہ سازی اور پرائس فلکسنگ کے خدشات کو ظاہر کرتے ہیں۔ سی سی پی کے پاس موجود سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں اپریل کے دوسرے ہفتے سے مجموعی طور پر 4 فی صد اضافہ، لاہور میں 10 فی صد اور پشاور میں 6 فی صد اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا۔ یہ 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 کمپنیشن کے خدشات کو جنم دیتے ہیں۔ یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمپنیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔

قیمت اضافہ: سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز
کینال ایکشن، ریکارڈ ضبط
اسلام آباد (خصوصی نیوز رپورٹر) کمپنیشن کمیشن
آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) (بانی صفحہ 4 نمبر 41)

سی سی پی کا سینٹ مینوفیکچر کے

دفتر پر چھاپا، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا

اسلام آباد (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے آل پاکستان سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفتر پر چھاپا مار کر ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا ہے۔ مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے جمعرات کے روز لاہور میں واقع آل پاکستان سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ آپریشن 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 سینٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ مسابقت مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں۔ سی سی پی کی دو مختلف ٹیموں نے آل پاکستان سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستان سینٹ مینوفیکچر ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ آپریشن کیا تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر میں کسی ساز باز سے کیے گئے معاہدے کا پتا چلایا جاسکے۔ سی سی پی نے 2020 کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020 کے مہینے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں یکساں اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کی ہیں۔



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

مسابقتی کمیشن کا سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی 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 مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفتر پر چھاپہ 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 انسپکشن 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 انسپکشن کیا تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر میں کسی ساز باز سے کئے گئے معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جاسکے، 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 کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میننگ میں ایسوسی ایشن کی سرپرستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے، ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمیٹیٹیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے 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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اسلام آباد (ویب ڈیسک) کمپنیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے جمعرات کو لاہور میں واقع آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر میں سرچ انسپیکشن کر کے ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ 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 کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں۔ جاری تفصیلات کے مطابق 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 چونکہ ایک اہم سیمنٹ

کمپنیشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جا سکے۔ سی سی پی نے سال 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 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 ريجن 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 وجوہات کی بنا پر سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات میں ہر کمپنی 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 پیدا کئے ہیں جو 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 اعداد و شمار 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 آیا۔ یہ اضافہ تیل اور کونلہ کی عالمی قیمتوں میں کمی، پاکستان میں شرح سود میں کمی اور طلب میں مجموعی کمی کے باوجود دیکھنے میں آیا، جو کمپنیشن خدشات کو جنم دیتے ہیں۔ یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمپنیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے یہ سرچ انسپیکشن سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان کسی بھی طرح کی کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کے شواہد اکٹھا کرنے کے لئے کیا۔

سی سی پی کا آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا گیا

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یہ سرچ اسپیکشن 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 کورپوریشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں۔ جاری تفصیلات کے مطابق 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 اسپیکشن کیا۔

چونکہ ایک اہم سیمنٹ کمپنی کے سینئر ملازم آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفیکچرر ایسوسی ایشن کی ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی کے بھی عہدے دار ہیں جو کہ ملک کے شمالی ریجن کی نمائندگی کرتے ہیں اس لئے سی سی پی نے اس متعلقہ ممبر کے دفتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن کیا تاکہ متعلقہ سیکٹر میں کسی ساز باز سے کئے گئے کورپوریشن مخالف معاہدے کا پتہ چلایا جاسکے۔ سی سی پی نے سال 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 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 مینوفیکچررز 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 وجوہات کی بنا پر سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کے منافع جات



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میں ہر کمپنی کی انفرادی حجم کے مطابق کمی واقع ہوئی، ہم قیمتوں کے اضافہ میں یکساہت نے سیمینٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان گھ جوڑ کے شکوک و شبہات پیدا کئے ہیں جو کہ سیمینٹ مینوفیکچررز کی جانب سے مشترکہ فیصلہ سازی اور پرائس فلنگ کے خدشات کو ظاہر کرتے ہیں۔

سی سی پی کے پاس موجود سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سیمینٹ 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 کونلہ کی عالمی قیمتوں میں کمی، پاکستان میں شرح سود میں کمی اور طلب میں مجموعی کمی کے باوجود دیکھنے میں آیا، جو کمپنیشن خدشات کو جنم دیتے ہیں۔ یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی پی سیمینٹ سیکٹر کو کمپنیشن ایکٹ کے سیشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے یہ سرچ انسپکشن سیمینٹ کمپنیوں کے درمیان کسی بھی طرح کی کمپنیشن مخالف سرگرمیوں کے شواہد اکٹھا کرنے کے لئے کیا۔