

SC should hear appeals against decisions

CCP proposes MoF to close Competition Appellate Tribunal

RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has proposed to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to close the Competition Appellate Tribunal, urging that the pending appeals against the decisions of the commission should be directly heard by the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Mueen Batlay, CCP Member Competition Policy, Research, Cartels and Trade Abuses informed the Senate Standing Committee on Finance here on Wednesday that recently the CCP and Ministry of Finance had discussed viable proposals to improve the functioning of the commission.

The committee was informed that under the new CCP laws – any entity having monopoly or dominant position in the market was not illegal but reducing competition through cartelisation was illegal.

From 2007 onwards, the CCP has imposed penalties/fines of Rs 26.3 billion, but the recovery was negligible as most of the cases have been challenged in courts, CCP Member said.

CCP Chairman Dr Joseph Wilson said that most of the decisions made by CCP are under litigation and the penalised parties have obtained stay orders. In almost all cases, instead of penalty, the affected parties have challenged the existence of the commission.

During the CCP's presentation, it was pointed out that section 13 of the law empowers the Commission to establish regional offices and the commission is in the process of establishing a regional office in Karachi. Reacting to this, Committee Members strongly objected establishment of a new CCP office at Karachi.

Senator Ilyas Bilour was of the view that there was no need to establish office in Karachi as commission can operate from Islamabad to deal with the cases in Karachi.

However, Senator Talha Mahmood said that on one hand they were suggesting that the CCP to improve its working and on the other opposing its plan to open office in the main business hub of the country, Karachi.

The CCP Member said that

foreign investment was linked with the competitive environment in the country. The foreign direct investment and inflows are more in countries where competition agencies are working successfully, he added.

CCP Chairman Dr. Joseph Wilson said that the annual budget of the commission was Rs 200 million for the last three years, whereas the annual budget of other regulators like PEMRA, OGRA, PTA and NEPRA was higher than the CCP. The annual budget was Rs 572 million for PEMRA, Rs 294 million for OGRA, Rs 415 million for NEPRA and the PTA has annual budget of Rs 9 billion for 2014-15.

He further said that the CCP was the most important institution that should be further strengthened so that it can protect consumers from anti-competitive activities. Legislation should be made to remove obstacles in the way of CCP for effective enforcement of Competition Law.

During the meeting, the committee pointed out that the CCP should take up the matter of flights with PIA and direct PIA

to resume its flights from Peshawar to other cities such as Quetta, Islamabad. The CCP should direct companies to stop deceptive marketing of its products.

Senator Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain pointed out that cartelisation has increased in the country since the inception of CCP – after the Monopoly Control Authority was abolished.

Meanwhile, Senator Sughra Imam inquired over rising cartelisation in the country. All the key sectors in the country such as cement, poultry, fertilizer, even sugar and milk have collusive behaviour – so what is the outcome of this law, she said adding, "I think we need to revisit the law again and if required some amendments should be made." The committee was informed that the CCP actions have enabled to highlight the cartelisation in various sectors, but there is no headway during the second phase.

When asked whether Acting Chairman can make appointments, CCP Chairman responded that the commission can hire people on contract basis.

Banking sector

Existence of large players not necessarily anti-competitive configuration: CCP

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ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Wednesday informed the Senate Standing Committee on Finance that the existence of five large players (banks) operating with 80 percent of the assets in the banking sector, is not necessarily an anti-competitive configuration.

In a presentation to the committee, CCP officials said that with the replacement of the Monopoly Control Authority (MCA) with the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) in 2007, there was a change in how monopolies and dominant companies would be dealt with in line with the changing approach around the world.

In the case of banking, CCP

has taken an action whenever there has been any evidence that competition is being hurt.

The existence of 5 large players operating with 80% of the assets in the banking system is not necessarily an anti-competitive configuration. If there is good competition operating in the market, five players are sufficient to give competitively priced services. "Please note the competitive pricing and service diversity available in the Mobile Telecom sector, where five players operate, and which has good competitive dynamics," CCP said.

Responding to a query, CCP Chairman said the commission has not received any complaint pertaining to bank loans.

About a question on dominance

in dairy sector, CCP officials said that dairy sector has been dominated by 1 to 2 large players as far as packaged milk is concerned.

The CCP conducts 'Competition Assessments' of various sectors of the economy, which thoroughly examine the above mentioned 'risk factors'. The Commission has so far concluded studies on sugar, cement, fertilizer, polyester staple fiber, cooking oil and ghee, automobile, aviation, banking, private sector healthcare and schooling. These reports serve as a 'diagnostic tool' to identify anti-competitive practices including cartels. These also provide an opportunity to the Commission to recommend pro-competition policy reforms to the government.

Media houses body: CCP initiates investigation

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ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has initiated investigation against an association of media houses suspected to be involved in management of members' advertisement business, reflecting a possible collusion among media houses.

During a presentation before the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, CCP Chairman Dr. Joseph Wilson said formal inquiries under section 37 of the Competition Act have been initiated against 4 sectors. Firstly, an association of automobile dealers suspected to be involved in fixing prices of repair and paint

jobs. Secondly, an association of media houses suspected to be involved in management of members' advertisement business. Thirdly, poultry feed manufacturers suspected of fixing prices in connivance. Fourthly, the cement manufacturers suspected of collectively fixing prices.

The committee members inquired about the names of the media houses, but the CCP officials said that it would not be appropriate to disclose details in the presence of media in the committee.

When the committee members insisted of sharing details of the media case,

Mueen Batlay, CCP Member Competition Policy, Research, Cartels and Trade Abuses stated that they are carrying out investigation in a case of media houses. An association of media houses suspected of involvement in management of members advertisement business. If there is an understanding among the media houses about collectively setting the advertising rates, then there would be no competition in the market. It is a case of suspected collusion and the CCP is examining it threadbare.

He added that the case is at an initial stage and investigation is under way. It is a case relating to 2013-14.

CCP, SECP chairmen, members

MoF to finalise appointments in next few weeks

RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance would finalise appointments of permanent chairmen and members of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) as well as Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in next few weeks.

In response to questions raised by the committee on Acting Charge of CCP Chairman, Akbar Sharifzada, Additional Secretary Ministry of Finance informed Senate Standing Committee on Finance here on Wednesday that the process of the appointment of the CCP and the SECP members is under way. The whole process would be completed in a couple of weeks.

The committee which met with Senator Osman Saifullah in the chair asked the Finance Ministry

to explain reasons for appointing heads of regulators on acting charge basis. The members of the Senate standing committee also expressed concern over the government failure to appoint full time heads of various institutions including regulatory bodies. Additional Secretary Ministry of Finance said the advertisements were given in the newspapers for appointments in the SECP and CCP. The short-listing has been done and due process would be completed in next few weeks. The Finance Minister would conduct final interviews of the short-listed candidates and finalise the names for the appointment of the CCP and SECP officials.

Senator Salim Mandviwalla said that for 13 months now the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is without an appointed head - and the same is the case with 23 organisations.

While, adding to his comment, Senator Talha Mehmood stated that it seems to be a policy of the present government to keep the matter in 'limbo'. This way it is easy to get your extra work done because the full time appointed chairperson could stand on his or her feet anytime, he added.

However, responding to the queries, the Finance Ministry official said the matter was delayed due to lengthy process. Previously, overall process was being done by the commission but now the Supreme Court has abolished the commission and the appointments are being made by the Finance Ministry.

Later, the committee members directed the Finance Ministry official to inform the committee through correspondence after two weeks regarding progress over the appointments.

Senate body asks CCP to review POL price formula

Demands 20pc cut in prices

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ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel has asked Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to review price fixation formula of Petroleum (POL) products with the suspicion that the government was not fully passing the benefits onto the end consumers.

A member of the committee asked the CCP to issue a policy note to CCP by recommending them to bring down POL prices by 20 percent keeping in view steep decline in international market.

These directives to the CCP got immense importance because the government intended to reduce oil prices in the range of 10 percent only.

"There is a need to conduct a detailed review by the CCP to determine the government's claim that it was fully passing on reduction in oil prices to consumers," these directives were given to CCP during the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenues which met here at the Parliament House on Wednesday.

At the moment, the ex-depot price of petrol stood at Rs94.19

per litre, slashing it by Rs9.43 or 9.1% and high speed diesel prices were also cut down by 5.7% or Rs6.18 to Rs101.21 per litre.

Senator Ilyas Bilour said that the government should immediately decrease 20 percent prices of POL products taking into account decrease in prices of petroleum products in the international market.

Dr Joseph Wilson contended that there were specific regulators for each sector. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), he said, dealt with the oil and gas sector whereas CCP intervened when there were competitive issues in the market.

However, the CCP has not been engaged in determining oil and gas prices in the country. If the authority of other regulators is ended, the role of the CCP becomes more active in this context.

During the briefing to the committee members, the CCP said that they had launched a formal inquiry against media houses on suspicion of collusion in fixing rates for advertisements. The acting chairman CCP

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said the inquiry was part of four investigations that the CCP was undertaking.

Wilson said the CCP did not issue notice to any media house so far. Wilson said the inquiry was at the initial stage and the organisation did not reach a conclusion.

The standing committee showed its dissatisfaction over the working of the CCP, as the watchdog had been rendered to a toothless body. In the last seven years, the CCP imposed Rs26.7 billion fines on violation of competition law but the recoveries remained only Rs1.8 million.

The committee also recommended the government to introduce legislation in the competition law for providing powers to the CCP for recovery of fines and enforcement of laws to promote competition in the market.

To a query, CCP member said that the commission had proposed Ministry of Finance to close the Competition Appellate Tribunal and appealed against the decisions of the commission be heard directly by the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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Senate body for 20 per cent cut in POL prices

Senators demand action against cement, petroleum, fertilizers and banks cartels


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Following the downward trend in petroleum products prices in international market, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue on Wednesday asked the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to issue a policy note to Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) for 20 per cent reduction in POL prices.

The Senate body has asked the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to issue the policy note to the government of Pakistan for decreasing oil prices in the country, as the Commission normally issues in other matters. The Senate Standing Committee, which met under the chair of Senator Osman Saifullah, has asked the CCP to take up the matter of petroleum prices with the government and OGRA.

Committee member Senator Ilyas Bilour of Awami National Party asked the CCP to issue the policy note to the government, which is not reducing the oil prices according to the trend in international market. He asked to slash the petroleum products prices by Rs 10 per liter.

The officials of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) informed that they could review the matter if the committee recommends it, otherwise the Commission could not appraise it, as there is no competitor in this case. CCP Chairman Dr. Joseph Wilson said that the OGRA is the appropriate regulator dealing with prices of petroleum products and the issue comes under the jurisdiction of the OGRA.

The Senate Standing Committee discussed the performance of the Competition Commission of Pakistan in detail. The committee members unanimously agreed that CCP should be empowered and strengthened to stop the deceptive practices in markets and save the consumer rights in the country. The committee also recommended the government to introduce legislation in the competition law for providing powers to the CCP for recovery of fines and enforcement of laws to promote competition in the market. The CCP briefed the committee that Commission had imposed Rs 15 billion fines in various cases till 2007 but it received only Rs 1.7 million, as affected parties obtain stay orders from courts when fine imposed on them.

In his remarks, Senator Osman Saifullah Khan said that different production companies and industries in connivance with each other had made cartels in the country and CCP is not taking action against them. Cement, petroleum, fertilizers and banks had made cartels in the country, he alleged. Despite Pakistan being the fifth largest country in terms of milk production, but milk prices are high in the country compared to the United States.

Senator Ch. Shujaat Hussain alleged that five major banks in connivance with each other are had monopolized things, as they are discriminating among politicians regarding bank loans.

Senator Ilyas Bilour said that the statutory regulatory orders (SROs) have been issued to impose anti-dumping duties on the influence of local industry. CCP chairman said that the Federal Board of Revenue is the competent authority to issue SROs.

Senator Haji Adeel was of the view that the commission must take notice of advertisements relating to the beverage industry, soap/washing powder, consumer items like toothpaste and other sectors making tall claims in their ads. The members asked that CCP should take up the matter of flights with PIA and direct PIA to resume flights from Peshawar to other cities such as Quetta, Islamabad.

Effect of declining oil prices

Parliamentary panel asks CCP to review pricing formula

Suspects govt has not fully passed on impact to end-consumers

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As oil prices tumble in the international market requiring significant cut in power tariffs and petroleum products, a parliamentary panel has asked the anti-trust watchdog to review the price-fixation formula. The panel suspects that the government has not fully passed on the impact to end-consumers.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance directed the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) that a detailed review should be carried out to determine the government's claim whether it was fully passing on the reduction in oil prices to the domestic consumers. The meeting was chaired by Senator Osman

Saifullah Khan of PPP.

The committee's directions came days before the government is expected to further cut the petroleum products prices for the consecutive second month. For the current month, the government approved the ex-depot price of petrol at Rs94.19 per litre, slashing it by Rs9.43 or 9.1% and high speed diesel prices were also cut by 5.7% or Rs6.18 to Rs101.21 per litre.

The members of the standing committee were of the view that despite significant reduction in oil prices globally, the government was not fully passing on the impact to domestic consumers. However, the acting chairman CCP, Joseph Wilson, was reluctant to undertake the assignment. "It is the job of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority to determine the prices," he said.

The CCP Act of 2010 authorises the anti-trust watchdog to review the prices of various products being sold in

PETROL

9.1%

was the price reduction announced by the government for November

the country.

The price of oil has plummeted by more than a quarter since June this year after the US discovery of shale oil and gas that has started threatening the monopoly of oil producing countries, represented by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

So far, the government has cut the power rates by only 48 paise on account of fuel price adjustments, denying the due benefits to consumers.

Another inquiry

Meanwhile, the anti-trust

watchdog has launched a formal inquiry against collusion in fixing rates for advertisements, revealed the CCP's acting chairman. He said the inquiry was part of four investigations that the CCP was undertaking.

Wilson said the CCP did not issue any notice so far. He said the inquiry was at an initial stage and the organisation has not yet reached a conclusion.

The standing committee showed its dissatisfaction over the working of the CCP, as the watchdog has been rendered a toothless body. Mueen Batlay, member competition policy, cartels and trade abuses, said in the last seven years, the CCP imposed Rs26.7 billion fines on violation of competition law but the recoveries remained only Rs1.8 million.

The legal system was the biggest obstacle in the working of the CCP, as the parties take stay orders against its decisions, said Batlay. He said

The CCP has proposed to replace appellate tribunals with appeals made only in the Supreme Court of Pakistan

the government did not set up appellate tribunals for hearing appeals against the decisions of the CCP, which also made the body dysfunctional.

The CCP has proposed amendments in the Competition Commission Act, suggesting the government to replace appellate tribunals with appeal only in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The proposal is aimed at discouraging the practice of seeking stay orders from the lower courts. Interestingly, it was Finance Minister Ishaq Dar who, as member of the Senate standing committee on finance, opposed the proposed right to appeal only in the Supreme Court.

Govt criticised for not appointing heads of regulators

By A Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The members of Senate Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday slammed the government for failing to appoint full-time heads of various institutions including regulatory bodies which is resulting in ineffective working of state machinery.

"For 13 months now, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is without an appointed head — and same is the case with other 23 organisations," Senator Salim Mandviwala said.

Adding to his comments, Senator Talah Mehmood said that it seems to be a policy of

the present government to keep the matter in 'limbo'.

"This way it is easy to sway decision as a regular chairperson could challenge them," he added.

Senator Usman Saifullah chaired the committee in the absence of Senator Nasreen Jalil.

Responding to the matter, Akbar Sharifzada representing the Ministry of Finance, informed that the matter was delayed due to lengthy process as directed by the Supreme Court earlier.

"Previously the decisions were taken by the commission but the Supreme Court has abolished the commission and the appointments are being

made by the finance ministry," he said.

"Short listing of candidates has been completed and the names will be finalised in next two weeks."

Mandviwala questioned the appointment of governor state bank by the ministry despite the bar by Supreme Court.

However, the committee members asked the official to report back to the committee after two weeks.

The committee was scheduled to discuss the performance of CCP. It was informed that under the new CCP laws, entities enjoying dominant position in market were not illegal but use of that position to manipulate the market is illegal.

Senator Chaudhry Shujat Hussain noted that cartelisation has increased in the country since the inception of CCP.

"All the key sectors in country such as cement, poultry, fertiliser, sugar and milk are indulging in collusive practices," he said, suggesting that the law needs revisiting.

The committee was informed that the CCP actions have highlighted cartelisation in various sectors but there is no head way in the second phase.

The annual budget of CCP was Rs200 million for the last three years, while in 2014-15 alone, it was Rs572m for Pemra, Rs294m for Ogra, Rs415m for Nepra and Rs9 billion for PTA.

Senate body asks CCP to play role in reducing POL prices

By Ijaz Kakakhel

ISLAMABAD: A legislative body of Senate on Wednesday recommended the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to play its role and bring down the POL prices by Rs 20 per litre from Dec 1, 2014.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs met in the Parliament House with Senator Nasreen Jalil in the chair. The committee was of the view that the international POL prices have come down significantly and the government has to reduce it by Rs20 per litre. In this regard, the committee asked the CCP, which had forwarded policy notes to the government on several issues, to ask the government to bring down POL prices as the same had come down in the international market. The CCP works for the welfare of general consumers, therefore it has to play its due role. Chairman CCP Dr Joseph Wilson assured the committee that the commission would ask the government to act on the recommendations of the committee.

Earlier, CCP chairman gave a detailed presentation over the function and objectives of the commission. Dr Wilson informed the committee that main purpose of the CCP is to safeguard the interest of the general consumers and create level playing business and competition environment in the country. "Though the CCP had been successful in several cases, but in some others it had to confront problems." As there is no special force with CCP to get its decisions implemented over public

limited companies, he said. Dr Wilson said that some companies also got stay orders against the decisions of the commission. "Low budget (Rs 200 million) of the commission is also a big problem and needs enhancement as the other regulators in the country are getting their budget for the whole fiscal year."

The committee was informed that since 2007 the CCP has imposed fine of Rs 15 billion and collected a very nominal amount because most of the industries got stay orders from courts. CCP chairman also informed the committee that the commission was toothless and had sent a proposal to Finance Ministry for enhancing its powers.

Dr Wilson also told the committee that it has initiated 46 inquiries in four sectors ie automobile, media, poultry and cement. CCP also gave five policy notes to the government over public welfare matters, he said. He also told the committee that the commission actively worked against creation of cartelisation, which badly affects general consumers through charging higher prices for the product. Senator Usman Saifullah Khan said that Pakistan is 5th largest milk producing country in the world but due to monopoly of two milk manufacturing companies milk in Pakistan is costlier than in the US. He said that different commercial banks have also formed cartels and fleecing the general public like cement, petroleum and fertiliser sectors. He regretted that CCP was doing nothing against these industries.

Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel said some action should

be taken against various foreign embassies and counsellor generals who have nominated special medical centres, carriers, etc which charge the general public exorbitantly.

Senators Ilyas Ahmad Bilor complained that some companies have monopoly and they have got issued SROs in their favour and the government has imposed dumping duties at the behest of these companies. Senator Ch Shujaat Hussain said five big banks have created cartels and politicians and their relatives are confronting severe problems in getting loans. He enquired that how CCP control issuing of loans by these banks. Senator Talha Mehmood said CCP is an important department and suggested that more powers should be given to it through proper legislation. He also suggested that the committee should be informed about the removal of stay orders against CCP directions, fees of lawyers and other related information.

CCP Chairman Dr Wilson also informed the committee that through its efforts the fare of Haj flights was reduced, which greatly helped the pilgrims during last three years. He said CCP is a new department and through legislation more power should be given to it so that it may get its decisions implemented.

About the appointment of permanent chairman of CCP, Additional Secretary Finance Abdur Rashid Pirzada informed the committee that in next few days the government will finalise the appointment of chairmen of CCP and SECP on permanent basis.

SENATE BODY URGES GOVT TO CUT OIL PRICES BY RS10 PER LITRE

ISLAMABAD: The senate standing committee on finance Wednesday proposed the government to cut petroleum products' prices up to Rs 10 per litre to give relief to the poverty- and inflation-stricken masses. The committee, which met on Wednesday, discussed the working and performance of Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP). During the meeting, the committee members urged the government to pass on the impact of declining trend in oil prices in international market to the people and industry.

The committee members emphasised that the decline in oil prices should be to the same proportion as decline in oil prices in international market.

The committee proposed the government to ask the CCP to press Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for considerable cut in oil prices. It is to be mentioned here that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has already announced that oil prices would be decreased next month. INP

نوٹ جاری کرے۔ سینیٹر الہاس بلور نے کہا کہ عالمی مارکیٹ میں پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی کے تناسب سے عوام کو ریلیف فراہم نہیں کیا جا رہا ہے۔ لے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتیں کم ہونی چاہئیں جبکہ وزارت خزانہ کے حکام نے سینیٹ کو بتایا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن کا کل وقتی چیئرمین آئندہ چند روز میں تعینات کر دیا جائیگا تاکہ سینیٹ کا اجلاس سینیٹر عثمان سیف اللہ خان کی زیر صدارت پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں ہوا۔ سینیٹ اراکین نے عالمی مارکیٹ میں پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی کے رجحان پر پاکستان میں بھی پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کم از کم دس روپے کی کمی تجویز دی اور سفارش کی گئی کہ مسابقتی کمیشن جس طرح دوسرے معاملات پر حکومت کو پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرتا ہے اسی طرح پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی سے متعلق بھی پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرے۔ سینیٹر سردار فتح محمد نے کہا کہ کسی ای سی پی کے پاس بتانے کو چاہئیں اس لئے انہوں نے بتانے سے گریز کیا جا رہا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے حکام سے بتایا کہ 2007 سے اب تک مسابقتی کمیشن نے مسابقتی عمل کی خلاف ورزیوں پر 15 ارب روپے کے جرمانے مانگے لیکن وصولیاں صرف 15 سے 17 لاکھ روپے ہوئیں۔ مسابقتی کمیشن جب جرمانے مانگتا ہے تو پارٹیاں حکم امتناعی لے لیتی ہیں۔ گزشتہ سال حکومت کو 5 پالیسی نوٹ جاری کئے گئے کسی ای سی پی کو ورلڈ بینک سے ایوارڈ بھی ملا ہے جس پر سینیٹر سردار فتح محمد نے کہا کہ کسی ای سی پی کی کارکردگی کچھ نہیں۔ صرف پالیسی نوٹ ہی جاری ہو رہے ہیں اور بے اختیار کھلے میں قائم مقام چیئرمین اور عارضی ڈائریکٹروں کی تعیناتی والے ادارے کو ورلڈ بینک کی طرف سے ایوارڈ پر پیراگراف کا اظہار کیا۔ قائم مقام چیئرمین سی سی پی ڈاکٹر جوہر دکن نے بتایا کہ پاکستان سے تاجرانہ کو لے جانے اور لانے والی صرف دو ہوائی کمپنیوں نے آئی اے اور سعودی ایئر لائن کی اجارہ داری ختم کرنے کیلئے سی سی پی نے گروار او ایف جس کی وجہ سے دوسری کمپنیوں کو بھی تاجرانہ کا کوٹہ ملا جس کی وجہ سے حاجیوں کے اخراجات میں خاطر خواہ کمی ہوئی۔ سی سی پی نے نیا ادارہ سے پارلیمنٹ قانون سازی کے ذریعے مزید اختیارات میں اضافہ کرا دئے۔ چوہدری شجاعت حسین نے 5 بڑے بینکوں کی اجارہ داری کو کھ جوڑ کر اردو ایئر لائنز کی سیاست دانوں اور سیاست سے متعلق رکھنے والے افراد کو قرضوں کی سہولت میں مشکلات ہیں اور سوال اٹھایا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن بینکوں کے قرضوں کو کسے کنٹرول کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں بینکوں کے مالک بھی بینک اجارہ داری کے ساتھ ساتھ سینٹ کیفریوں میں بھی اجارہ دار بن گئے ہیں۔ سینیٹر عثمان سیف اللہ خان نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں مختلف پیدائشی کمپنیوں اور صنعتوں کے گروہوں نے اپنے کچھ جوڑ کر کے اجارہ داری کے علاوہ کاروں قائم کر لئے ہیں، دنیا میں پاکستان دودھ پیدا کرنے والا پانچواں بڑا ملک ہے لیکن دو اجارہ دار کمپنیوں کی وجہ سے دودھ امریکہ سے بھی مہنگا ہے۔ سینٹ، پٹرولیم، کھاد کے کچھ جوڑ کر پوں کے علاوہ بینکوں نے بھی الگ الگ کچھ جوڑ کر لیا ہوا ہے۔ سی سی پی نے ان کا ٹکڑا اور اجارہ داروں کے خلاف کچھ نہیں کر رہا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن کے قیام سے صارفین کے حقوق کا تحفظ ہوگا، ایک ہی شخص ایک ہی کمپنی کی کسی خاص پیدائشی کمپنی پر قائم اجارہ داری کے خاتمے میں بھی مدد ملے گی، مسابقتی کمیشن کو اور زیادہ مضبوط اور طاقتور بنانے کیلئے سینیٹ پارلیمنٹ سے قانون سازی میں مدد دی جاسکتی ہے۔ سینیٹر ایچ ایچ ڈی والا نے کہا کہ گاڑیاں بنانے والے کارخانے اور صنعتیں نہیں ہیں بلکہ انٹرنیشنل کمپنیوں کے کچھ جوڑی وجہ سے قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔ سینیٹر ایچ ایچ ڈی ای سی پی اور دیگر اداروں کی طرف سے عروجی سرمایہ کاروں کو بروقت این ائی جی جاری نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے سرمایہ کاروں کو مارکیٹ داری اور انضمام شدہ متاثر ہوا۔ حاجی عدلی نے پاکستان میں قائم غیر ملکی سفارتخانوں کو نیشنل بزنس ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے جوڑ کے خلاف کارروائی کا مطالبہ کیا اور کہا کہ انٹرنیشنل بزنس ڈیپارٹمنٹ کو بزنسوں اور میڈیکل چیک اپ کے نام پر مارکیٹ سے کمی گناہ اور وصولیاں کی جاری دنیا۔ سفری ایام لے گیا کہ اجارہ داری اور کارڈنگ کمیشن کی درست وضاحت نہیں کی گئی تھی اجارہ داری کو صارفین کے لئے مفید قرار دیا گیا ہے اور انہیں کارڈنگ کمیشن کے کردار کی بھی تعریف کی گئی ہے۔ الہاس بلور نے کہا کہ چنر کمپنیوں کی اجارہ داری ہے کچھ کو ڈیمک ڈیولپنگ ڈیولپنگ جاتی ہے، چند افراد نے رشوت دے کر ایئر لائنز اور انڈسٹری کے مقابله کرنے والی کمپنیوں پر عارضی ٹیکس لگا دیا جاتا ہے۔ سینیٹر ظہیر محمود نے مسابقتی کمیشن کو زیادہ مضبوط اور با اختیار بنانے کی تجویز دی اور کہا کہ عدالتوں سے حکم امتناعی ختم نہ کرانے کی وجہ سے عدالتوں کو فیصلے کی اونٹنی اور وکلاء کے ناموں سے بھی سینیٹ کو گواہ کیا جائے اور کہا کہ کسی ای سی پی انتہائی اہم ادارہ ہے ہر جگہ مداخلت کا اختیار ہے۔ سی سی پی کو قانون سازی کے ذریعے مضبوط اور با اختیار بنانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ عثمان سیف اللہ خان نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ سی سی پی زیادہ تر مقدمات عدالتوں سے ہار گیا یا حکم امتناعی خارج نہیں کروائے جاسکے۔ اجلاس میں گاڑیوں کے ان اور انٹرنیشنل کمپنیوں کی طرف سے مخصوص جہیوں سے گاڑیاں مرمت کرنے کی شرط کے علاوہ سفارتخانوں کی بھی ای صورت حال پر تحفظ کا اظہار کیا گیا۔ کوئٹہ سے اسلام آباد، پشاور سے اسلام آباد، پی آئی اے کی پروازوں کے نہ ہونے کے خلاف سی سی پی کے کردار پر بھی سوال اٹھا لے گئے۔

پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں دس روپے کی کمی کی جائے، سینیٹ کمیٹی خزانہ مسابقتی کمیشن کی کارکردگی کچھ نہیں، صرف پالیسی نوٹ جاری ہو رہے ہیں، سردار فتح محمد اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) سینیٹ کی قائمہ سینیٹ برائے خزانہ نے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کم از کم دس روپے کی کمی کرنے کی سفارش کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی سے متعلق حکومت کو پالیسی باقی صفحہ 5 نمبر 12

قائمہ کمیٹی نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 20 فیصد کمی کی تجویز دیدی

مسابقتی کمیشن کو اور زیادہ مضبوط بنانے کیلئے مدد دی جاسکتی ہے، نسرین جلیل

چند کمپنیوں کی اجارہ داری ہے، چند افراد نے رشوت دے کر ایس آر اوز نکلوائے، الیاس بلور
اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی)، سینیٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی مسابقتی کمیشن پاکستان کے قیام، مقاصد، کردار،
برائے خزانہ، نجکاری کی چیئر پرسن نے نسرین جلیل نے اختیارات کے حوالے سے (صفحہ 10 بقیہ 45)

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قائمہ کمیٹی

بقیہ

بریفنگ لیتے ہوئے کہا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن کے قیام سے
صارفین کے حقوق کا تحفظ ہوگا ایک ہی شخص ایک ہی کمپنی
کی کسی خاص سپلائی آؤٹ پر قائم اجارہ داری کے خاتمے
میں بھی مدد ملے گی مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان کو اور زیادہ
مضبوط اور طاقتور بنانے کیلئے کمیٹی پارلیمنٹ سے قانون
سازی میں مدد دی جاسکتی ہے مسابقتی کمیشن نے ایس آر
اوز کے حوالے سے خاص طور پر ایک ہی شخص اور ایک ہی
کمپنی کو ورلڈ بینک کی رپورٹ کے مطابق 2012 میں
جاری کردہ ایس آر اوز کیلئے زیادہ کام کرنا چاہے تھا تین
قومی بینک جن کی ایکویٹی اور ہولڈنگ پوری نہیں کے علاوہ
کے ایس بی کی انضمام کی بات ہو رہی ہے اور مقامی کاریں
تیار کرنے والی فیکٹریوں پر زیادہ ڈیوٹی لگائی جا رہی ہے
کمیٹی نے بین الاقوامی مارکیٹ میں پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی
کمی پر پاکستان میں بھی پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں
بھی 20 فیصد کمی کی تجویز دی اور سفارش کی گئی کہ مسابقتی
کمیٹی آف پاکستان جس طرح دوسرے معاملات پر
حکومت کو پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرتا ہے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات
کی کمی کا بھی پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرے۔ سینیٹر صغریٰ امام
نے کہا کہ اجارہ داری اور کارٹلائزیشن کی درست
وضاحت نہیں کی گئی کہیں اجارہ داری کو صارفین کے لئے
مفید قرار دیا گیا ہے اور کہیں کارٹلائزیشن کے کردار کی بھی
تحریری تعریف کی گئی ہے سینیٹر الیاس بلور نے کہا کہ چند
کمپنیوں کی اجارہ داری ہے کچھ کی ڈمپنگ ڈیوٹی لگا دی
جاتی ہے چند افراد نے رشوت دے کر ایس آر اوز نکلوائے
مقابلہ کرنے والی کمپنیوں پر عارضی ٹیکس لگا دیا جاتا ہے سینیٹر
چوہدری شجاعت حسین نے 5 بڑے بینکوں کی اجارہ داری
کو گٹھ جوڑ قرار دیا اور کہا کہ سیاست دانوں اور سیاست
سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد کو قرضوں کی سہولیت میں
مشکلات ہیں اور سوال اٹھایا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن بینکوں کے
قرضوں کو کیسے کنٹرول کرتا ہے اور کہا کہ پاکستان میں
بینکوں کے مالک بھی بینک اجارہ داری کے ساتھ ساتھ
سینٹ فیکٹریوں میں بھی اجارہ دار بن گئے ہیں۔

پٹرولیم قیمتوں میں مزید اضافہ پٹرولیم قیمتوں میں مزید اضافہ پٹرولیم قیمتوں میں مزید اضافہ

مسابقتی کمیشن کو بااختیار بنانے کی سفارش، پیداواری گروپوں نے کارٹل بنانے، پاکستان دودھ پیدا کر نیوالا پانچواں بڑا ملک، دو کمپنیوں کے باعث قیمت امریکہ سے زیادہ ہے: چیئر مین مقامی کارس تیار کرنے والی فیکٹریوں پر زیادہ ڈیوٹی لگائی جا رہی ہے، 5 بیٹوں کا گھٹ جوڑ، سیمنٹ کے اجارہ دار بھی بن گئے، سیاستدانوں کو قرضوں میں مشکلات ہیں: ارکان کمیٹی

سی سی پی کچھ نہیں کرتا صرف پالیسی نوٹ ہی جاری ہو رہے ہیں۔ عثمان سیف اللہ نے کہا پاکستان میں مختلف پیداواری کمپنیوں و صنعتوں کے گروپس نے گھٹ جوڑ کر کے اجارہ داری کے علاوہ کارٹل قائم کر لئے ہیں، دنیا میں پاکستان دودھ پیدا کرنے والا پانچواں بڑا ملک ہے لیکن 12 اجارہ دار کمپنیوں کی وجہ سے دودھ امریکہ (باقی صفحہ 5 نمبر 2)

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) سیمنٹ کی قائمہ سیمنٹ برائے خزانہ و اقتصادی امور نے عالمی منڈی میں پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں خاطر خواہ کمی کی وجہ سے آئندہ ماہ کیلئے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 10 روپے فی لٹر کے حساب سے کمی کی سفارش کر دی۔ کمیٹی کا اجلاس عثمان سیف اللہ خان کی سربراہی میں منعقد ہوا جس میں ارکان

بقیہ نمبر 2 کمیٹی، پٹرولیم قیمتیں

سے بھی ہونگا ہے، سیمنٹ، پٹرولیم، کھاد کے گھٹ جوڑ گروپوں کے علاوہ بیٹوں نے بھی الگ الگ گھٹ جوڑ کیا ہوا ہے، سی سی پی ان کا ٹکڑا اور اجارہ داروں کے خلاف کچھ نہیں کر رہا۔ سلیم ایچ ماٹو ڈی والا نے کہا گاڑیاں بنانے والے کارخانے اور صنعتیں قیمتیں نہیں بڑھاتیں بلکہ انشورنس کمپنیوں کے گھٹ جوڑ کی وجہ سے قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہوتا ہے، ایس ای سی پی، سی سی پی اور دیگر اداروں کی طرف سے بیرونی سرمایہ کاروں کو بروقت این او سی جاری نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے سرمایہ کاری، شراکت داری اور انضمام شدید متاثر ہوا۔ جوہری شجاعت نے کہا بیٹوں کے مالک بینکنگ اجارہ داری کے ساتھ ساتھ سیمنٹ فیکٹریوں میں بھی اجارہ دار بن گئے ہیں۔ طلحہ محمود نے کہا سی سی پی کو ہر جگہ مداخلت کا اختیار ہے، اسے مزید مضبوط اور با اختیار بنانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ چیئر مین سی سی پی ڈاکٹر جوہر سمن نے کہا پاکستان سے تاج کو لے جانے اور لانے والی دو ہوائی کمپنیوں کی اجارہ داری ختم کرنے کیلئے سی سی پی نے کردار ادا کیا جس سے دوسری کمپنیوں کو کوٹہ ملا اور اخراجات میں خاطر خواہ کمی ہوئی۔

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سینٹ کمیٹی نے پروٹیم قیمتوں میں 20 فیصد کمی کی سفارش کر دی مسابقتی کمیشن کو پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرنیکی ہدایت

مسابقتی کمیشن جرمانے کرے تو پارٹیاں حکم امتناعی لے لیتی ہیں، حکام: مسابقتی کمیشن سے صارفین کے حقوق کا تحفظ ہوگا اسے زیادہ مضبوط بنانے کیلئے پارلیمنٹ سے قانون سازی میں مدد دی جاسکتی ہے، کمیٹی پیداواری کمپنیوں و صنعتوں کے گروپس نے اپنے گٹھ جوڑ کر کے اجارہ داری کے علاوہ کارٹل قائم کر لئے ہیں، دو اجارہ دار کمپنیوں کی وجہ سے دودھ امریکہ سے بھی مہنگا ہے، کمیشن کارروائی نہیں کرتا، ارکان: اختیارات دیئے جائیں، چیئرمین سی سی پی

اسلام آباد (خصوصی رپورٹر) سینٹ قائم کمیٹی برائے فزناہ چیئرمین نے سینیٹرسن طیل کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں جاری کی گئیں، چیئرمین سرن جلیل خطاب میں کہا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن سے صارفین کے حقوق کا تحفظ ہوگا، ایک ہی شخص کی ایک ہی کمپنی کی کسی خاص پیداواری آئٹم پر قائم اجارہ داری بھی پاکستان میں بھی پروٹیم مصنوعات (باقی صفحہ 6 نمبر 1)

سینٹ کمیٹی

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کی قیمتوں میں بھی 20 فیصد کمی کی جائے اور سفارش کی کہ مسابقتی کمیشن بظہر دوسرے معاملات پر حکومت کو پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرتا ہے، پروٹیم مصنوعات کی کمی کا بھی پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرے۔ چوہدری شجاعت نے کہا کہ سیاستدانوں کو قرضوں کی سہولت میں مشکلات ہیں اور سوال اٹھایا کہ مسابقتی کمیشن بینکوں کے قرضوں کو کیسے کنٹرول کرتا ہے اور کہا کہ بینکوں کے مالک بھی بینک اجارہ داری کیساتھ ساتھ سب سے فیکٹریوں میں بھی اجارہ دار بن گئے ہیں، سینیٹر طلحہ محمود نے مسابقتی کمیشن کو زیادہ مضبوط اور بااختیار بنانے کی تجویز دی، چیئرمین سی سی پی ڈاکٹر جوزف کون نے آگاہ کیا کہ پاکستان سے تاج کو لیجانے اور لائسنس صرف دو ہوائی کمپنیوں ہی آئی اسے اور سوڈی ایئر لائن کی اجارہ داری ختم کرنے کیلئے سی سی پی نے کردار ادا کیا، جسکی وجہ سے دوسری کمپنیوں کو بھی تاج کا کوٹہ ملا جسکی وجہ سے حاجیوں کے اخراجات میں خاطر خواہ کمی ہوئی سی سی پی نیا ادارہ ہے، پارلیمنٹ قانون سازی کے ذریعے مزید اختیارات میں اضافہ کر دئے۔