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CCP conducts search of APCMA's Karachi offices

KARACHI: Exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), 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 offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Manufacturers Cement Association (APCMA) located in Karachi on Thursday. Two > P 4 Col 4

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CCP raids **APCMA Karachi** offices over cartelisation probe **Mehtab Haider**

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday raided premises of office bearers of All Pakistan Cement Manu-Association facturers (APCMA) in Karachi for collecting evidence of alleged cartelisation through price fixing and quota allocations among members of APCMA.

Exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, the CCP, as part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers, carried out a search and inspection of the

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CCP raids Karachi offices of cement manufacturers' association

ISLAMABAD

SHAHZAD PARACHA

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has seized the record of the offices of chairman and vice-chairman of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) during a raid in Karachi.

According to officials, the CCP has exercised its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010 as part of an inquiry launched in May this year to investigate possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers.

Two different teams entered and

searched the offices of the chairman and vice chairman of APCMA-Karachi and impounded the relevant record.

The inquiry in the cement sector 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 ranging between Rs45 – Rs55 per cement bag was apparently collectively decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella of APCMA. On 24th September 2020, the CCP had also conducted search and inspection of the APCMA main office as well as the office of the senior vice chairman of APCMA's Executive Committee (a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore).

The impounded record, including Whatsapp messages and emails, warranted conducting search and inspection in the south zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anticompetitive practices.

The evidence in Lahore suggested the possibility of a cartel/collusive arrangement between the cement manu-

facturers.

It is pertinent to mention 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 forming a cartel and 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 and concluded due to a stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court. The current enquiry was initiated in 2020.

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CCP raids Cement Manufacturers' Association's office in Karachi

IMRAN ALI KUNDI ISLAMABAD

The Competition Commission of Pakistair (CCP) on Thursday has carried out a search and inspection of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) located in Karachi. The CCP has exercised its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, 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 offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi. Two different teams entered and searched the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi and impounded the relevant record.

The enquiry in cement sector was based on the information gathered through various media reports, concerns and complaints expressed regarding a concurrent increase in cement prices, particularly during the month of April 2020. The reports indicated that an increase ranging between Rs45 – Rs55 per cement bag was apparently collectively, decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella of APCMA.

On 24th September 2020, the CCP had conducted search and inspection of the APCMA main office and the office of Senior Vice Chairman of the APCMA's Executive Committee; a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore. Moreover, the impounded record, including Whatsapp messages and emails warranted conducting search and inspection in the South Zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anticompetitive practices.

The evidence suggests possibility of a cartel/collusive arrangement between the cement manufacturers. It is pertinent to mention that various factors among others; lower demand of cement in the first two quarters of 2020 and almost parallel increase in cement prices and data collected from Pakistan Bureau Statistics and the cement companies, became the basis of CCP's enquiry and the earlier search. Sudden rise in price by the cement manufacturers at a time when there was 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 is also important to mention here that the cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalised in the past to an amount of collectively more than Rs6.3 billion on account of forming a cartel and involvement in the prohibited agreements in violation of Section 4 of the Act.

In 2012 the Commission again initiated enquiry against cement companies, however the same could not be preceded and concluded due to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court. The current enquiry was initiated in 2020.

Express Tribune

^{20 November 2020} Page 11 CCP raids offices of two cement companies

Seizes record of cement manufacturers on suspicion of role in price fixing

SHAHBAZ RANA ISLAMABAD

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Thursday raided offices of two leading cement manufacturers on the suspicion of their role in fixing prices of cement.

The raids were conducted on the office of Azam Farooque, Chief Executive Officer of Cherat Cement and Chairman of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA), and Syed Noman Hassan, a senior official of Lucky Cement and the vice chairman of APCMA.

"The CCP, as part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers, carried out a search and inspection of the offices of chairman and vice chairman of APCMA, located in Karachi," said a statement issued by the anti-trust watchdog on Thursday.

Two different teams entered and searched the offices of chairman and vice chairman of APCMA and seized the relevant record, it added. The CCP has lately become active against big cartels after spending a lot of time on small cases that did not have much impact on ensuring competitiveness in the economy and providing relief to the consumers.

The anti-trust watchdog also works under severe financial constraints as the government has failed to ensure payment of 3% fee to the CCP by five regulators.

In its meeting held last week, the Cabinet Committee on Legislative Cases (CCLC) again failed to approve a statutory regulatory order (SRO) that could have forced the regulators to pay their outstanding dues.

An SRO has been prepared under the Competition Act of 2010, which is aimed at giving a directive to the five regulatory authorities to pay 3% fee and charges collected by them through bank transfer by the 10th of following quarter and before surrendering surplus funds to the Federal Consolidated Fund.

However, the meeting observed that the proposed SRO could not have retrospective effect in the presence of various court judgements. In order to make it effective from the past, an amendment has to be made in relevant laws, according to a CCLC decision.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) are required to pay 3% of their fee and charges to the CCP to make it financially independent.

All these regulators have failed to pay the fee, which has made the CCP financially dependent on the Ministry of Finance. The CCP has lately started taking big fish to task and recently issued show cause notices to Pakistan Sugar Mills Association and its 83 members.

In its statement, the CCP stated that the inquiry into the cement sector 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 April 2020.

The reports indicated that an increase ranging from Rs45 to Rs55 per cement bag was apparently collectively decided in a meeting of cement manu-

facturers held under the umbrella of APCMA, said the CCP,

On September 24, 2020, the CCP had conducted the search and inspection of APCMA's main office and the office of senior vice chairman of APCMA's executive committee - a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore, said the CCP.

It said that the impounded record, including WhatsApp messages and emails, warranted search and inspection in the south zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anti-competitive practices.

The evidence suggested possibility of a cartel and collusive arrangement between the cement manufacturers, said the CCP. "Various factors, among others, lowered demand for cement in the first two quarters of 2020, and almost parallel increase in cement prices and data collected from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and cement companies became the basis of CCP's inquiry and the earlier search," said the CCP.

It said that a sudden increase in prices by cement manufacturers at a time when there was low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufacturers and considering that input fuel cost (coal and oil), transportation and interest rate had declined raised suspicion of a collective rise in prices by the cement companies.

"The cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalised in the past to an amount of collectively more than Rs6.3 billion on account of forming a cartel and involvement in prohibited agreements in violation of Section 04 of the Act," said the CCP. In 2012, the commission again initiated an inquiry into cement companies. however, the same could not be proceeded and concluded due to a stay order granted by the Lahore High Court.

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CCP seizes record of cement makers

Move is part of ongoing inquiry into cartelisation

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) team on Thursday carried out a search and inspection of the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) offices in Karachi to investigate possible anticompetitive activities by manufacturers.

Sources in the CCP said that two different teams entered and searched the offices of APCMA chairman and vice chairman located in Karachi and impounded relevant records.

The CCP had, earlier this year in May, began an enquiry in to cement sector based on information gathered through various media reports, concerns and complaints expressed regarding a concurrent increase in cement prices -- particularly during April this year.

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

On Sept 24, the CCP conducted search and inspection of the offices of APCMA's and senior vice chairman of the association's executive committee, who is a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore.

Moreover, the impounded record, including WhatsApp messages and emails, warranted conducting search and inspection in the south zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anti-competitive practices.

Sources said that the evidence suggests possibility of a cartel arrangement between cement manufacturers.

The CCP enquiry was initiated based on several factors including lower demand of cement in the first half of 2020, parallel increase in cement prices and data collected from Pakistan Bureau Statistics and the cement com-

The initial inquiry by the CCP stated that sudden rise in price by cement manufacturers at a time when there is low demand compared to the installed capacity of 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 cement sector was penalised more than Rs6.3 billion in the past for forming a cartel and involvement in the pro-

hibited agreements in violation of Section 04 of the Act In 2012, the CCP again initiated enquiry against cement companies, but it could not be proceeded and concluded due

to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore

The APCMA could not be reached for comments despite several attempts.

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CCP carries out inspection of APCMA offices

I xercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), as part of an enquiry launched in May to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers, on Thursday carried out a search and inspection of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA).

According to the CCP, two different teams entered and searched the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi and impounded the relevant record.

The enquiry in cement sector 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 ranging between Rs. 45 -Rs55 per cement bag was apparently collectively decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella of APCMA. On September 24, the commission had conducted search and inspection of the APCMA main office and the office of Senior Vice Chairman of the APCMA's Executive Committee; a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore. Moreover, the impounded record, including Whatsapp messages and emails, warranted conducting search and inspection in the South Zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anticompetitive practices. The evidence suggests possibility of a cartel/collusive arrangement between the cement manufacturers. It is pertinent to mention that various factors among others lower demand of cement in the first two quarters of 2020, and almost parallel increase in cement prices and data collected from Pakistan Bureau Statistics and the cement companies, became the basis of CCP's enquiry and the earlier search.

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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CCP swoops on APCMA offices and seizes record

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KARACHI

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) carried out a search and inspection of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) here on Thursday and seized the record. The CCP exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, started the enquiry in ce-

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CCP conducts search & inspection of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association's office bearers in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, November 19: Exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, 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, carried out a search and inspection of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) located in Karachi today. Two different teams entered and searched the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi and impounded the relevant record.

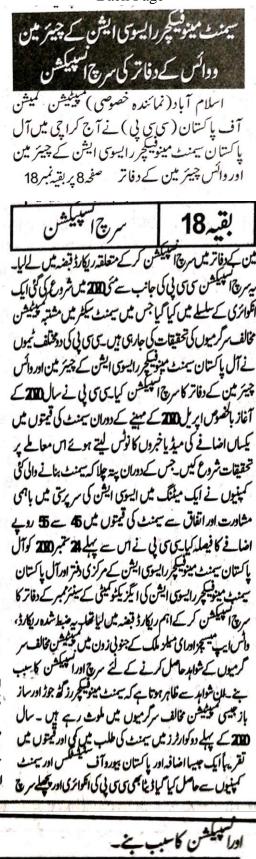
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Page 3 جحابي، ريكار د قض مير اسلام آباد (کام ت ربورٹر) سینٹ مینوٹیلچرز | 2020 میں شروع ً کے سابقت مخالف گٹھ جوڑ اور سازباز ہے قیمتوں کے ملک کیا گ جن مل سمز کمیشن نے افخالف سر گرمیور فر کے شواہد م اخا 15 . ایسور الیش بی کی دومختلف شین جعرات كوآل باكستان سيمنث مينونينجر انیشن کے دہار کا س چاکسیشن کیا، کے چیئر مین اور وانس چیئر مین کے دفاتر پر چھانے باتى صخب 4 نمبر 11 مارکر ریکارڈ تبضے میں لے لیا، سرچ اسپکش من بقتي كميش کی قیمتوں میں یل 2020 کے دوران سینٹ ال اضافے کی میڈیا خبر دن کا نوس في تحققات تروع لين، يته جلا ینوں نے ایک مٹنگ میں ایسوی ایشن کی یرتی میں ماہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق ہے قیمتوں میں 45 سے 55روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا ہی ک ں سے پہلے 24 ستمبر کو ایسوی ایشن کے لزى دفتر اورا يكيز يكتو كمينى ك سينتر مبر (جو كه لا ہور کی ایک اہم سیمنٹ کمپنی کے سینئر ملازم بھی ہیں) کے دفاتر كاسرج المبيض كركحابهم ربكارة قضبتك لما اشروراكارته والراب وخابات اوراي سلز ملک کے جنوبی زون میں مسابقت مخالف سر رمیوں کے شواہد جامل کرنے کے لئے س چ اور ب ب- ان شوابد - ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ سيمنث مينوفي لجررز كثط جوز اورساز بازجيسي مسابقت مخالف سر گرمیوں میں ملوث رے ہیں ،سال 2020 کے پیلی دوسہ ماہی میں سیمنٹ کی طلب میں کی اور قیمتوں میں تقریماً ایک جیہا اضافہ اور ماکتان بوروآف شارمات اور سمنٹ کمپنیوں سے مل کیا گیا ڈیٹا بھی تی تی کی انگوائر کی اور گزشتہ چمابداور تحقيقات كاسب بن ،ى ى يى كى مطابق الم وقت میں سیمنٹ بنانے والی کمپنیوں کی جانب سے سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں اجانک اضافہ جبکہ ان کی استعداد کے مقاطے میں مارکیٹ میں يداداري طلب بھی کم تھی اور ای عرصہ میں ایند هن کی قیمیت، ثرانسپور ميش اورشرح سود مي مجى كى داقع موئى تحى ، کمپنیوں کی جانب سے مشتر کہ طور پر قیمتوں میں اضافے کے شبہات کوجنم دیتے ہیں۔ماضی میں مجی ی ی لی سینٹ سیکٹر کو مسابقتی ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی پر6ارب30 کروژرو پے بے زائدکاجرمانہ کر چکا ہے

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بی ان ایکشن، ماکستان سیمنٹ ایسوی ایشن کاریکارڈ ضبط اسلام آباد (آن لائن) مسابقتی کمیشن آف مینید میں فی بوری قیت میں 45 - 55روب پاکستان (سی می فی) نے پاکستان سینٹ ایسوی ' اضافہ کیا تھا۔ مسابقتی کمیش ر مطابق آل پاکستان ایش کے دفائر کا تمام ریکارڈ قضہ میں لے لیا ہے سیمنٹ مینونی چررایسوی ایش کے چیئر مین اور دائس ، سین کینیوں نے باہمی مشاورت سے اپریل کے چیئر مین کے دفاتر میں (باقی صفحہ 7 بقیہ نبر 52) Lister 52: مرچ المحاص كرك متعاقة ويكارة قيضه ثل المالي ير بر القالمين ي ي لي ك ماي سي م LL COMP CARULAC. 2000 ی کاکل جس پی تلف کلو پی مشتر سابقی مخالف سركرميون كى جمقيقات كى جاري بي- أس سلسط شراحات لی کی دو مختلف نیوں نے آل اکستا ن سیشل میتولیطچر راییدی ایشن کے چیئر مین ادر والمن چيزين کے دفاتر کاس جا تعلقن کما ی ی بی ن سال 2020 کے آغاز الخسوص ایر ال 2020ء کے مینے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیمتوں میں يكيان امتبافے كى مدثر باخير دن كانونس ليتے ہوئے اس معالم يرتحقيقات شروع كيس تحقيقات سے يعد جاا کہ سیمنٹ متانے والی کی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوی ایشن کی سر برتی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سینٹ کی قیتوں میں 45 سے 55 ردید اضافے کا فیملہ کیا۔ ی ای فی ت اس سے سل 24 ستبر 2020 ، كو آل باكستان سينت مینونی رایسوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر اورآل باکت ن سمنت مینوفیکچر رایسوی الیشن کی ایگزیکتو میٹی ک ينترمير (جوك لا يوركى ايك اتم يمنت كمنى ك مينتر لمادم بني إلى) 2 دفاتر كاس قام يلطن كر یک ایم دیکار و قبت می ایا تمار منبط شده دیکارو، والحي اير من يوادراي مطر ملك في مولى زون میں مختیفن کاللہ بر کربیلیا سک شواب مامل کے لیے مریف اور المحکم کا میں سے موايد مع فالم الا بي ك تاست تاويكم الا في عاد الدرباز بازجيسي فالجش كالف بركر يول عمالموت VI and

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Roznama Express 20 November 2020 Front Page ابی میں آل والخيان تى كميش آف پاكستان سينت مينوفي كجررز (باقى صفحة 5 نمبر23) (B 15 ایسوی ایش کے دفاتر پر جیمانے مارکرر پکارڈ قبضے میں لے لیا۔ چھابے کے دوران ایسوی ایش کے چیئر مین اور وائن چیئر میں کے دفاتر کی سرچ اسپکٹن کی گیا۔ یہ ئن يرى لى كى جانب يے متى 2020 مىں م. م.س. میں 1515 ١٩٠ III's معتبس بخالف سركرمول ·2020 JU کی جارہی ہے۔ سی تی تی نے س تحققا غاز بالخصوص امريل 2020ء کے دوران سیمنٹ کی 15 یکساں اضافے کی میڈیاخبر دن کانونس۔ فيمتول مين بمعاملج كاتحققات شروع كالعينج Tiz r د دران پیۃ چلا کہ سیمنٹ بنانے والی کنی کمپنیوں نے ایک میں پاہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی ميثنكه مين45-55رد باضافے كافيعلد كمارى فيمتور ی بی نے اس سے پہلے 24 ستمبر 2020 وکوآل پاکستا ٹ مینو یکچررز ایسوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر اور ن <u>مینونیکم رزایسوی ایشن کی ایگزیکٹو</u> جوكه لاہور کی ایک اہم سینٹ کمپنی 5.5 جی ہی کے دفار کا سرچ ا يين لباتقابه بيضط شده ريكارذ، داس يلزمك كرجنولي زون على (موں کے شوار جا کی طرف سے جاری اعلام کے المحامي في محاكما لي المست 2 يكشن 4 كى ظاف مذكار 63 - 42/2/2/2/2/2 Level John

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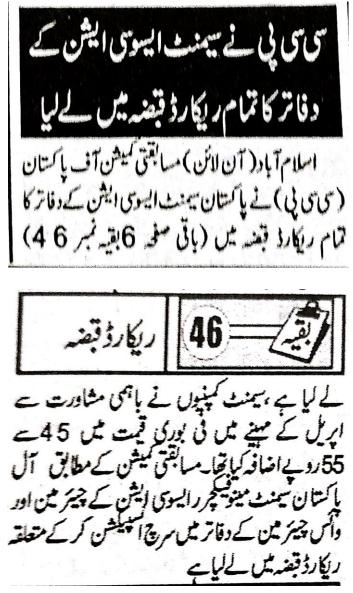


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بيلجرراليتوى ايش كاريكار فبصنه مي لي ن سی پی کی جانب ہے تک 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انکوائر کی کے اسلام آباد (ٹی رپورٹر) کمپیٹیٹن کمیش آف کی پی پی کی جانب ہے می 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ياكتان (ى ى يى) في جعرات كوكرا چى من آل ايك اكوائرى ك سلسط من كيا كياجس مي سين اكتان سمند مينو فيجرراليوى ايش ك چير من سيكر مستتر ميديش مخالف سركرمول كا تحقيقات اور دائس چیئر مین کے دفاتر میں سرچ انسپیکٹن کر کی جارہی ہیں۔ ی پی کی دومختلف ٹیوں نے آل کے متعلقہ ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لےلیا۔ یہ سرچ انسپیکشن پاکستان سینٹ مینونیکجر (باقی صفحہ 5 بقیہ نمبر 11) 11 ريكاردقضه مشتر كهطور يرقيتون مين اضافي كشبهات كوجنم رالیوی ایش کے چیئر مین اور وائس چیئر مین کے ديتے ہیں۔ بدیامت بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی ی دفاتر کا سرچ السیکشن کیا۔ی ی کی نے سال ی یی سیمنٹ سیلٹر کو میٹیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 ک 2020 کے آغاز بالحضوص اپریل 2020 کے میسخ خلاف ورزى ير 6.3 ارب روبے سے زائد كے کے دوران سینٹ کی قیتوں میں پکساں اضافے جرماني عائدكر يكاب-کی میڈیا خروں کا نوٹس کیتے ہوتے اس معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کیں۔جس کے دوران پنہ چلا کہ سینٹ بنانے والی کی کمپنوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں الیوی ایش کی سر برتی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سینٹ کی قیتوں میں 45 سے 55 روب اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ ی کی لی نے اس ب يهلي 24 تتمبر 2020 كوآل بأكمتان سينت مینویی جررایسوی ایش کے مرکزی دفتر اورآل پاکستا ن سینٹ مینونیچر رایسوی ایشن کی ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی کے سینٹر ممبر (جو کہ لاہور کی ایک اہم سینٹ کمپنی کے سینئر ملازم بھی ہیں) کے دفاتر کا سرچ اسپیکشن كرك ابهم ريكار ذقبضه مين لياتها _ بيرضبط شده ر بکارڈ، والس ایپ میں جز اورای میلز ملک کے جنوبی زون میں میلیشن خالف سر كرميوں كے شواہد حاصل کرنے کے لئے سرچ اور اسپیکشن کا سب بے۔ ان شواہد بے ظاہر ہوتل بے کہ سمنٹ مينوفيكجررز كله جوژ اورساز مازجيسي ميثيث نخالف مر کرمیوں میں ملوث رہے ہیں۔ یہاں اس بات کا ذکر بھی اہم ہوگا کہ سال 2020 کے سلے دوکوارٹر زيس سينت كاطلب ميس كمى اورقيتون مي تقريباً ابك جيبا اضافدادر باكتان بيوردآف اور سمنٹ کمپنیوں سے حاصل کیا گیا ڈیٹا بھی ت ت یی کی انگوائری اور پچھلے سرچ اور اسپیکشن کا سبب ے۔ایے دفت میں سیمنٹ بنانے والی کمپنیوں کی مان سے سمنٹ کی قیتوں میں اما تک اضافہ، جبکہ ان کی پیداداری استعداد کے مقابلے میں ماركيت ميس طلب بحى كم تقى اوراي عرصه مي فيول کی قیت، ٹرانسپورٹیشن اور شرح سود میں بھی کی واقع ہوئی تھی ، سینٹ کمپنیوں کی جانب سے



20 Nov 2020 | Online | CCP Press Release CCP Conducts Search, Inspection of APCMA'S office Bearers in Karachi

By Daily Parliament Times - November 19, 2020



Exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, 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, carried out a search and inspection of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) located in Karachi today. Two different teams entered and searched the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi and impounded the relevant record. The enquiry in cement sector 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 ranging between Rs. 45 - Rs55 per cement bag was apparently collectively decided in a meeting of the cement manufacturers held under the umbrella of APCMA.On 24th September 2020, the CCP had conducted search and inspection of the APCMA main office and the office of Senior Vice Chairman of the APCMA's Executive Committee; a senior employee of a major cement company in Lahore.Moreover, the impounded record, including Whatsapp messages and emails, warranted conducting search and inspection in the South Zone as well for obtaining evidence relating to anticompetitive practices. The evidence suggests possibility of a cartel/collusive arrangement between the cement manufacturers. It is pertinent to mention that various factors among others lower demand of cement in the first two quarters of 2020, and almost parallel increase in cement prices and data collected from Pakistan Bureau Statistics and the cement companies, became the basis of CCP's enquiry and the earlier search.Sudden rise in price by the cement manufacturers at a time wher low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufactures and conside input fuel cost (coal and oil), transportation and interest rate have declined rais of a collective rise in price by cement companies. It is pertinent to mention here cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalized to an amount of collectively more than Rs. 6.3 billion on account of forming a ci involvement in the prohibited agreements in violation of Section 04 of the Act.] Commission again initiated enquiry against cement companies, however the sar be proceeded and concluded due to stay order granted to cement companies by High Court. The current enquiry was initiated in 2020.



Competition Commission raids Cement Manufacturers Association's office in Karachi

By Hamza Habib - November 19, 2020

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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 is pertinent to mention here that the cement sector has a history of collusive activities and they have been penalised in the past to an amount of collectively more than Rs. 6.3 billion on account of forming a cartel and 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 and concluded due to stay order granted to cement companies by the Lahore High Court. The current enquiry was initiated in 2020.



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November 19, 2020

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CCP Conducts Inspection Of APCMAs Office Bearers In Karachi

17 hours ago Thu 19th November 2020 | 05:41 PM

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CCP under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010 and as part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 was investigating the possible anti-competitive activities by (APCMA) office bearers and cement manufacturers in Karachi, said a press release issued by CCP. Two different teams entered and searched the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of APCMA located in Karachi and impounded the relevant record.

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CCP Discovers Evidence of Cement Manufacturing Cartel in Karachi

Posted 15 hours ago by ProPK Staff

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CCP undertook this inspection exercising its powers under Section 34 of the Competition Act 2010, and as part of an inquiry launched in May 2020 to investigate the possible anti-competitive activities by the cement manufacturers. The resulting evidence suggests the possibility of a cartel or collusive arrangement between the cement manufacturers.

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It is important to mention that various factors such as lower demand for cement in the first two quarters of 2020 along with an almost parallel increase in cement prices and the data collected from Pakistan Bureau Statistics and the cement companies, became the basis of CCP's inquiry and the earlier search.

The sudden rise in prices by the cement manufacturers at a time when there is low demand compared to the installed capacity of the manufacturers, 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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20 Nov 2020 | Online | CCP Press Release سی سی بی کا آل پاکستان سیمنٹ مینوفینچرر ایسو سی ایشن کراچی حکام کے دفاتر کا سرچ اسپیکسن،ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا November 19 2000



اسلام آباد: کمپیشیش کمیشن آف پاکستان (ی سی پی) نے جمعرات کو کراچی میں آل پاکستا ن سینٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئز مین اور واکس چیئز مین کے دفاتر میں سرچ انسپیکشن کر کے متعلقہ ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔

یہ سرچ انسپیکشن می می پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انگوائری کے سلسلے میں کیا گیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیکٹر میں مشتبہ کمپیشیشن مخالف سر گرمیوں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہیں ۔ می می پی کی دو مختلف ٹیوں نے آل پاکتا ن سیمنٹ مینوفیکچر ر ایسومی ایشن کے چیئر مین اور وائس چیئر مین کے دفاتر کا سرچ انسپیکشن کیا۔ می می پی نے سال 2020کے آغاز بالخصوص اپریل 2020کے مہینے کے دوران سیمنٹ کی قیتوں میں کیساں اضافے کی میڈیا خبروں کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس معاملے پر تحقیقات شروع کمیں۔

جس کے دوران چۃ چلا کہ سیمنٹ بنانے والی کئی کمپنیوں نے ایک میٹنگ میں ایسوسی ایشن کی سرپر ستی میں باہمی مشاورت اور اتفاق سے سیمنٹ کی قسیتوں میں 45 سے 55 روپے اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ می پی نے اس سے پہلے 24 تتمبر 2020کو آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ میٹو فیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی دفتر اور آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ میٹو فیکچر ر ایسوسی ایشن ک ایگز کیٹو کمیٹی کے سینئر ممبر (جو کہ لاہور کی ایک اہم سیمنٹ کمپنی کے سینئر ملازم بھی ہیں) کے دفاتر کا سربی انسیکشن کر کے اہم ریکار ڈ قبضہ میں لیا تھا ۔یہ ضبط شدہ ریکارڈ، واٹس ایپ میسیجز اور ای میلز ملک کے جنوبی زون میں کمپیٹیشن عمالف سر گرمیوں کے شواہد حاصل کرنے کے لئے سربی اور انسپیکشن کا سب ہے۔

ان شواہد سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ سیمنٹ مینوفیکچررز گٹھ جوڑ اور ساز باز جیسی کمپ^{یٹی}شن مخالف سر گرمیوں میں ملوث رہے ہیں ۔ یہاں اس بات کا ذکر بھی اہم ہو گا کہ سال 2020 کے پہلے وو کوارٹر زمیں سیمنٹ کی طلب میں کمی اور قیتوں میں تقریباً ایک جیسا اضافہ اور پاکستان بیورو آف سٹیٹسٹکس اور سیمنٹ کمپنیوں سے حاصل کمیا گیا ڈیٹا بھی سی سی کی کاکوائری

اور پیچھلے سر چے اور السپیکشن کا سبب بنے۔ایسے وقت میں سیمنٹ بنانے والی کمپنیوں کی جانب سے سیمنٹ کی قمیتوں میں اچانک اضافہ ، جبکہ ان کی پیداواری استعداد کے مقابلے میں مارکیٹ میں طلب بھی کم تھی اور ای عرصہ میں فیول کی قیمت، ٹرانسپور ٹیشن اور شرح سود میں بھی کمی واقع ہوئی تھی ، سیمنٹ کمپنیوں کی جانب سے مشتر کہ طور پر قیمتوں میں اضافے کے شبہات کو جنم دیتے ہیں ۔یہ بات بھی اہم ہے کہ ماضی میں بھی سی سی کی سیمنٹ سیکٹر کو کمپیٹیسٹن ایکٹ کے سیکٹن 4کی خلاف ورزی پر 6.3 ارب روپے سے زائد کے جرمانے عائد کر چکا ہے۔



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سی سی بی کا آل پاکتان سیمنٹ مینو فیکچرر انیو سی ایش کے دفتر پر چھایہ ، ریکارڈ قبصنہ میں لے لیا



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ویب ڈلیک :: می پی کا آل پاکتان سیمنٹ میٹو فیکچرر الیو می ایٹن کراچی حکام کے دفاتر کا سرچ انسپیکٹن، ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا ۔ تحمیلیٹین تحمیث آف پاکتان (می می پی) نے آج کراچی میں آل پاکتا ن سیمنٹ میٹو فیکچر ر الیو می ایٹن کے چیئر مین اور وائس چیئر مین کے دفاتر میں سرچ انسپیکٹن کر کے متعلقہ ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ یہ سرچ انسپیکٹن می می پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انگوائری کے سلسلے میں کیاگیا جس میں سیریٹ سیمنٹ میٹر میں مشتبہ تحمیلیٹین تحکیلیٹین کر کے تحقیقات کی جا رہی میں ی پی کی جانب سے مئی 2020 میں شروع کی گئی ایک انگوائری کے سلسلے میں کیاگیا جس میں سیمنٹ سیمز میں مشتبہ تحمیلیٹین تحلفت سرگر میں کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی میں ی پی کی دو شخص نے میں کراچی کی تحک میڈی کی رالیو میں ایٹن کے چیئر میں اور وائس چیئر میں مشتبہ تحمیلیٹین تحلفت سرک کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی میں ہے میں کی دو شخص نمیوں نے آل پاکستا ن سیمنٹ میٹو فیکچر ر ایسوں ایٹن کے چیئر میں اور وائس چیئر میں مشتبہ تحمیلیٹن تحلفت میں کی میں میں پی نے سال 2000 کے آغاز بالحضوص اپریل 2020 کے میلینے کے دوران سیمنٹ کی قیمتوں میں یکٹاں احک میڈیل خروں کا نوٹن میں معال میں میں جان میں میں کہا ہوں مار کی تحکیل