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کی صنعت میں برائلر چوزوں کی قیمتوں کوملی بھگت نے کیلئے ہیر یوں کے کارٹیلائزیشن کا اکشاف ہوا ہے، میپینفن ممیش آف پاکستان کی پاکستان بولٹری ایسوی ایش نے قیمتوں کے تعین تحقیقات کےمطابق برائلر کی 8میر بول کےمشتبہ

#### انكشاف

کے الزامات کیخِلاف اپنادفاع پیش کمیاساعت پی پی اے اور آٹھے دیگر اداروں کوشو کا زنونس جاری 🚅 جانے کے بعد ہوئی ہی سی کی تحقیقات میں شامل ہیں یہ انکوائری قیمتوں میں اضافے اور ردارادا کیاوہ ایک دن کے برائلر چوزوں کی ہاہمی ی سے طے کی کئی قیمتوں کے تبادلے میں تفایهزخ روزانه دیگرمیجر یوں اور بی بی اے کو میں تبادلہ خیال بھی کیا جاتا تھا انکوائری میں پی پی اے کوا یکٹ کے سیشن 4 کی بادی برائلر چکن کی تیاری اور پولٹری فیڈ ، انڈوں کی پیدادارشامل ہیں اس سلسلے میں اقلی ساعت آج 21 من كو موكى ، جهال كيس ميس ملوث باقى آتھ کاروباری ادارے اپناموقف پیش کر عگے۔



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# سی سی بی میں بولٹری کارٹل کیس برساعت کا انعقاد بلاری ایسوی ایش فیش کیا انعقاد بلاری ایسوی ایش نے قیتوں کے قیتوں کے قلاف ابنادفاع بیش کیا اسلام آباد (آئین نیوز) کمپیشن کمیشن آف باکستان اے) نے قیتوں کے قیمین (پرائس فکسٹک) کے اسلام آباد (آئین نیوز) کمپیشن کمیشن آف باکستان اے) نے قیتوں کے قیمین (پرائس فکسٹک) کے (کس کی کی ایسا کی نیوزی کارٹیلائو کیشن کیس کی ساعت الزامات کے خلاف ابناد فاع بیش کیا۔ یہ ساعت بی کی جس میں باکستان بولٹری ایسوی ایشن (بی بی بی اے اور آٹھ (با تی صفح نبر 7 بقید 5)

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#### پولٹری سیکٹرمیں مبینہ گئھ جوڑ کے ذریعےزیادہ قیمتوں کے تعین کاانکشاف

پاکستان پولفری ایسوسی ایشن بظاہر قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کی مرتکب، مسابقتی کمیشن

مقبول ترين

نیٹ میٹرنگ اور گراس میٹرنگ میر کیا فرق ہے؟ سوار سستم کے صارفیز کو کیا نقصان ہوگا؟







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پولٹری سیکٹرمیں ایک بارپھر باہمی گٹھ جوڑ کے زریعے چوزوں کی قیمت کے تعین کا انکشاف سامنے آیا ہےجس پر مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان کےمطابق پاکستان پولٹری ایسوسی ایشن بظاہر قوانین کی خلاف ورزی میں ملوث سے پولٹری ایسوسی ایشن کے دیگر آٹھ ممبران کو بھی وضاحت کیلئے طلب کرلیا گیا۔

مسابقتي كميشن آف ياكستان كے مطابق ياكستان يولئري ايسوسي ايشن بظاہر قوانين كي خلاف ورزي كي مرتکب ہوئی ہے جرم ثابت ہونے پر ایسوسی ایشن اور اس کے ممبران پر ساڑھے سات کروڑروپے یا سالانہ ٹن اوور کا کم از کم دس فیصد جرمانه عائد ہو سکتا ہے مسابقتی کمیشن کا ٹریبونل حتمی سماعت کے بعد اپنا فیصله سنائے گا۔

کمیشن نے پولٹری ایوسی ایشن اورآٹھ دیگراداروں کوشوکازنوٹس جاری کیے تھے پولٹری ایسوسی ایشن نے كارثيلانزيشن سے متعلق كيس كے دوران اپنے او پرلگنے والے الزامات كيخلاف دفاع پيش كيا۔ سال دوبزار انیس سے جون دوہزار اکیس کے دوران بیچریوں کا مشتبه کارٹیل سامنے آیا تھا۔

ذرائع کے مطابق پولٹری ایسوسی ایشن کے ممبران نے ملی بھگت سے ایک دن کے برائلر چوزوں کی قیمت بیاسی روپے پچاس پیسے مقرر کی۔ ہیچریز اور مارکیٹ میں ایک دن کے چوزے کا ریٹ یکساں پایا گیا اور شک ہونے پر انکوائری آغاز ہوا۔

کمیشن کے مطابق مشتبہ کارٹیل میں افزائش سے برائلرچکن، پولٹری فیڈ، انڈوں کی پیداوار بھی شامل ہے کیس کی مزید سماعت کل ہوگی اور دیگر آٹھ اداروں کا موقف سنا جانے گا ان میں ہائی ٹیک گروپ، اسلام گروپ آف کمپنیز، اولمپیا بھی شامل ہیں جدید گروپ، سپریم فارمز، سیزن فوڈز، بگ برد گروپ، صابرز گروپ بھی کارٹیلائزیشن میں بظاہر ملوث ہے۔

مسابقتی کمیشن کے مطابق پولٹری ایسوسی ایشن کے دفاتر پر چھایہ بھی مارا گیا اور اس دوران شواہد اکھٹے کیے گئے۔



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