

CCI Watch

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The role of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is very crucial for effective competition amongst the market players. Since 2009, CCI has been very active in investigating anti-competitive practices. Thus, it is hard to find a day when CCI is not covered by the newspapers. Therefore, the objective behind CCI Watch as prepared by CUTS is to review and highlight the performance of CCI through the lens of media.

| Sr. No. | Date | News | Comments |
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| April | | | |
| 1. | 02/04/15 | <p>CCI rejects complaint against CSC eGovernance Services CCI rejected charges of abuse of dominant position by CSC e-governance Services India in market for providing electronic services under an initiative of the central government. CCI said that “no prima facie case of contravention of the provisions of the (Competition) Act is made out against the opposite party in the present case”.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-02/news/60756458_1_dominant-position-competition-commission-services-india</p> | ☺ |
| 2. | 02/04/15 | <p>CCI rejects case against Haryana government, DLF and HLF Enterprises CCI dismissed allegations that Haryana government and realty firms DLF and HLF Enterprises indulged in unfair business practices with respect to residential projects in Gurgaon.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-02/news/60756641_1_dlf-competition-norms-haryana-government</p> | ☺ |
| 3. | 10/04/15 | <p>CCI approves Harman International Industries’ Symphony Teleca acquisition CCI cleared the acquisition of US-based software firm Symphony Teleca Corp by Harman International Industries, saying the deal does not raise anti-competitive concerns in India.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-10/news/61017745_1_software-firm-competition-commission-services</p> | ☺ |
| 4. | 14/04/15 | <p>CCI slaps fine of Rs 4.5 cr on Verifone India Sales CCI slapped a fine of about Rs 4.5 crore on Verifone India Sales, the Indian arm of US-based electronic payments firm VeriFone Systems Inc, for indulging in unfair business practices.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-slaps-rs-4-5-cr-on-verifone-india-sales-115041400677_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 5. | 19/04/15 | <p>CCI approves merger of US firms MeadWestvaco, Rock-Tenn CCI cleared the proposed merger between US companies MeadWestvaco Corp and Rock-Tenn Company after finding that the deal is not likely to adversely impact competition in the Indian market. Chemicals for automotive and other industries.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-approves-merger-of-us-firms-meadwestvaco-rock-tenn-115041900118_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 6. | 20/04/15 | <p>CCI dismisses anticompetitive case against Vatika Group While stating that “Prima facie, the opposite party does not appear to be in a</p> | ☺ |

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| | | dominant position in the relevant market," CCI rejected allegations that real estate developer Vatika Group abused its dominant position in the market for development and sale of its commercial units in Gurgaon. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-20/news/61339363_1_vatika-group-dominant-position-relevant-market | |
| 7. | 21/04/15 | CCI looking into allocation of three coal blocks CCI Member U C Nahta has reported on the sidelines of MCCI session that the Commission is looking into the possible cartelisation in the bidding for allocation of three coal blocks. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-21/news/61379050_1_three-coal-blocks-cartelisation-coal-india | ☺ |
| 8. | 22/04/15 | CCI looking into possible abuse of dominance by telecoms On the ground of rising concerns over maintaining equal access to internet amid some service providers entering into tie-ups for offering free access to certain mobile apps and websites, CCI is looking into whether the entities are abusing their dominant position or not? The regulator is trying to understand whether such practices are just sectoral or tariff issues or whether they violate competition norms. http://indianexpress.com/article/technology/technology-others/net-neutrality-cci-looking-into-possible-abuse-of-dominance-by-companies/ | ☺ |
| 9. | 28/04/15 | CCI clears Ultratech Cement's deal CCI cleared Ultratech Cement's proposed deal to acquire two cement units of Jaiprakash Associates in Madhya Pradesh. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-28/news/61615910_1_ultratech-cement-jaiprakash-associates-tonne-cement-plant | ☺ |
| 10. | 28/04/15 | CCI Orders Probe Against DDA CCI ordered an investigation against the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for allegedly abusing its dominant position and imposing unfair terms on the buyers of its flats. http://profit.ndtv.com/news/industries/article-competition-commission-orders-probe-against-dda-758924 | ☺ |
| 11. | 30/04/15 | CCI rejects dominant position charge on BPTP Ltd CCI rejected a plea alleging that real estate company BPTP abused its dominant market position with respect to a residential project in Gurgaon. http://realty.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/regulatory/cci-rejects-dominant-position-charge-on-bptp-ltd/47108824 | ☺ |
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| 12. | 06/05/15 | CCI rejects charges against five e-commerce majors CCI rejected allegations against five e-commerce majors accused of controlling product pricing and unfair business practices. CCI said it has not found any evidence of such violations against any of the firms. The complaint was filed by Mohit Manglani from Mumbai and All Delhi Computer Traders' Association (ADCTA) against Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, Jabong and Myntra. http://www.financialexpress.com/article/industry/companies/cci-rejects-charges-against-five-e-commerce-majors/69749/ | ☺ |
| 13. | 06/05/15 | CCI orders probe against Ola Cabs for predatory pricing CCI ordered a probe against app-based radio taxi service operator Ola Cabs for alleged predatory pricing to keep out rivals. http://www.latestnews360.com/readmore/187464/latest-news/Competition%20Commission%20orders%20probe20against%20Ola%20Cabs%20for%20predatory%20pricing | ☺ |

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| 14. | 07/05/15 | <p>More M&A deals are knocking CCI doors: Chawla</p> <p>While delivering a lecture organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, CCI Chairman Ashok Chawla said that the commission is now getting on an average ten mergers and acquisition (M&A) cases for approval every month.</p> <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/macro-economy/more-ma-deals-are-knocking-cci-doors-chawla/article7181355.ece</p> | ☺ |
| 15. | 08/05/15 | <p>CCI approves Dilip Shanghvi's proposed deal of Rs 1800 Crore</p> <p>CCI cleared billionaire Dilip Shanghvi's proposed Rs 1,800-crore stake buy in wind turbine maker Suzlon Energy.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-05-08/news/61947707_1_suzlon-energy-tanti-family-shanghvi-family-and-associates</p> | ☺ |
| 16. | 13/05/15 | <p>CCI approves Baring-CMS deal</p> <p>CCI cleared private equity major Baring's proposed acquisition of CMS, saying the deal is not likely to have an adverse impact on competition in the country.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/competition-commission-approves-baring-cms-deal-115051301459_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 17. | 19/05/15 | <p>CCI approves acquisition of Alstom's India assets by GE</p> <p>Under the deal, Alstom and GE would create a 50/50 Global Nuclear and French Steam alliance, which would include the production and servicing of the "Arabelle" steam turbine equipment for nuclear power plants, as well as Alstom's steam turbine equipment and servicing for applications in France.</p> <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/competition-panel-approves-acquisition-of-alstoms-india-assets-by-ge/article7223941.ece</p> | ☺ |
| 18. | 19/05/15 | <p>CCI clears Johnson Controls-Hitachi Appliances deal</p> <p>CCI has approved the acquisition of HVAC business of Hitachi by Johnson Controls as the deal may not have an adverse impact on competition in the country.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-clears-johnson-controls-hitachi-appliances-deal-115051901197_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 19. | 22/05/15 | <p>CCI rejects complaint against Bombay Dyeing, CREDAI</p> <p>The complaints were filed against Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Company, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) and Maharashtra Chamber of Housing Industries-CREDAI. After looking into the matter, CCI ruled that these entities did not violate competition norms.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-rejects-complaint-against-bombay-dyeing-credai-115052201033_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 20. | 22/05/15 | <p>CCI rejects complaint against Subway Systems India</p> <p>CCI rejected allegations that Subway Systems India indulged in unfair trade practice and abused its dominant position in relevant market of franchisee services for fast-food restaurant chain.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-rejects-complaint-against-subway-systems-india-115052201151_1.html</p> | |
| 21. | 22/05/15 | <p>CCI orders probe against telecom major Ericsson</p> <p>CCI ordered a probe against telecom major Ericsson for alleged abuse of its dominant position in charging higher royalty on GSM technology patents, following a complaint by telecom and tablet distributor iBall.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-05-22/news/62504416_1_cci-orders-probe-gsm-technology-patents-gsm-technology-related-patents</p> | ☺ |
| 22. | 22/05/15 | <p>CCI launches probe against Jaypee Greens</p> <p>CCI launched a probe against Jaypee Greens for abuse of its dominant position in Greater Noida area of Uttar Pradesh.</p> | |

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-05-22/news/62503754_1_jaypee-greens-competition-commission-dominant-position

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| 23. | 01/06/15 | <p>CCI Rejects Complaint Against Maruti Suzuki CCI rejected allegations of unfair business practices made against carmaker Maruti Suzuki India in a matter related to using services of GPS device-installed vehicles. Finding no prima facie evidence of competition norm violations, the commission decided to reject the complaint.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-rejects-complaint-against-maruti-suzuki-115060101548_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 24. | 03/06/15 | <p>CCI clears Sundaram Finance's addl stake buy in Royal Sundaram CCI approved Sundaram Finance's proposed Rs 450 crore deal to buy out UK-based RSA Group's entire 26 per cent stake in their venture Royal Sundaram Alliance Insurance Company.</p> <p>http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/cci-clears-sundaram-finances-addl-stake-buy-in-royal-sundaram/article7278743.ece</p> | ☺ |
| 25. | 03/06/15 | <p>CCI clears KEC International's deal to sell 381 telecom sites CCI granted clearance to KEC International's deal to sell its 381 telecom sites in Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya and Mizoram to American Tower Corporation's (ATC) Indian arm. The deal is valued at \$13 million.</p> <p>http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/telecom/cci-clears-kec-internationals-proposed-deal-to-sell-its-381-telecom-sites/articleshow/47531636.cms</p> | ☺ |
| 26. | 05/06/15 | <p>CCI imposes Rs 64 crore fine on GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi CCI imposed a penalty of Rs 64 crore on drugmakers GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals and Sanofi for collusive bidding in supply of a meningitis vaccine to the government for Haj pilgrims.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-imposes-rs-64-crore-fine-on-glaxosmithkline-sanofi-115060501078_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 27. | 05/06/15 | <p>CCI closes case against IATA CCI closed a case against the International Air Transport Association (IATA) after finding no evidence of it violating competition norms.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/competition-commission-closes-case-against-iata-115060501320_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 28. | 07/06/15 | <p>CCI dismisses complaint against Bank of Baroda The complaint was filed by Uttarakhand based Dhanvir Food Product, which had availed of a term loan of Rs 7.25 crore from the bank, against the lender and its branch in the state. However, finding no prima facie evidence of unfair business practices, CCI decided to close the matter.</p> <p>http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/cci-dismisses-complaint-against-bank-of-baroda/articleshow/47572407.cms</p> | ☺ |
| 29. | 07/06/15 | <p>CCI closes complaint in 'Fast and Furious 7' movie matter CCI rejected K Sera Sera Digital Cinema's complaint against NBC Universal Media Distribution Services and two others with regard to release format of the movie 'Fast and Furious 7'.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-closes-complaint-in-fast-and-furious-7-movie-matter-115060700172_1.html</p> | ☺ |
| 30. | 14/06/15 | <p>CCI rejects complaint against Dell India CCI rejected allegations that computer maker Dell India Pvt Ltd indulged in anti-competitive practices with respect to the business of a particular server. It was alleged that the company engaged in unfair business ways by creating entry</p> | ☺ |

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| | | barriers in the market for x86 server. http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/hardware/competition-commission-of-india-rejects-complaint-against-dell-india/articleshow/47663082.cms | |
| 31. | 23/06/15 | CCI Imposes Penalty on KFEF and FDA CCI imposed a total fine of Rs 2.30 lakh to penalise Kerala Film Exhibitors Federation (KFEF) and Film Distributors Association, Kerala (FDA) after a detailed probe found them violating competition norms. http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-slaps-rs-2-3-lakh-fine-on-2-kerala-based-film-associations-115062301354_1.html | ☺ |
| 32. | 26/06/15 | CCI clears Hyundai Steel-Hyundai Hysco deal CCI approved the proposed merger of Hyundai Hysco with Hyundai Steel, saying the deal would not have any anti-competitive impact in the Indian market. Both companies are part of South Korea's Hyundai Motor Group. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-06-26/news/63862722_1_horizontal-overlap-flat-steel-products-steel-pipes | ☺ |
| 33. | 29/06/15 | CCI rejects charges against Terra Group CCI rejected charges of abuse of its dominant position against builder Terra Group, also known as Adinath Properties Ltd. Complainant Rahul Sharma had alleged before the CCI that the realty firm abused its dominant position to impose additional charges on his purchase of a plot in 'Terra City' project of the firm on the Alwar Express Highway in Bhiwadi. http://realty.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/regulatory/cci-rejects-charges-against-terra-group/47865105 | ☺ |
| 34. | 29/06/15 | CCI Rejects Complaint Against Indigo CCI rejected allegations that leading airline IndiGo abused its dominant position by imposing arbitrary and unfair conditions on passengers. Rejecting the complaint, the regulator said there is "no prima facie case" of contravention of competition rules. http://profit.ndtv.com/news/aviation/article-competition-commission-rejects-complaint-against-indigo-776538 | ☺ |