

Edition 12th (October to December, 2013)

Sr. No.	Date	News	Comments
October			
1.	1/10/13	<p><u>5th CCI probes in to high airfares</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With airfares soaring again, fair trade watchdog Competition Commission of India is gearing up for a fresh probe into possible cartelisation among airlines for jacking up prices, and has sought more details. CCI chairman Ashok Chawla said clear evidence of cartel activities could not be found in four previous probes. <p>http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/cci-to-probe-high-air-fares-for-5th-time/article5182307.ece</p>	☺
2.	2/10/13	<p><u>Unfair practices in pharma sector under CCI scanner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasising that pricing aspects of pharmaceuticals are critical for the general public, CCI Chairman Ashok Chawla has said that some cases of probe into alleged unfair practices in this space are in the "pipeline". <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-10-02/news/42617564_1_practices-cci-chairman-ashok-chawla-market-place</p>	☺
3.	9/10/13	<p><u>Ushdev Windpark receives approval from CCI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition Commission of India has given its approval to the proposal of Ushdev Windpark to acquire the wind energy business of Gupta Coal India. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-10-09/news/42864570_1_cci-order-proposed-combination-wind-power</p>	☺
4.	10/10/13	<p><u>CCI rejects complaint of dominance against NMDC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fair trade regulator of India had dismissed the charges against National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) that it has abused its dominant market position with regard to mining and production of iron ore in the state of Karnataka. <p>http://floost.com/businessstandard-post-cci-rejects-complaint-against-nmdc-7233327</p>	☺
5.	15/10/13	<p><u>CCI initiates recovery proceedings against Amir Khan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI has initiated recovery proceedings against cine star Aamir Khan, two film producers associations and six others for failing to pay penalties imposed on them. <p>http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/cci-to-act-against-aamir-khan-8-others-for-defaulting-on-fine/1/314689.html</p>	☺
6.	18/10/13	<p><u>CCI rejects complaint against DIPP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After looking into complaints against DIPP, CCI said it "is not a fit case for causing investigation to be made by the Director General (DG)". <p>http://profit.ndtv.com/news/corporates/article-cci-rejects-complaint-against-dipp-for-not-allowing-fdi-in-air-india-369791</p>	☹
7.	21/10/13	<p><u>CCI approves Toshiba Corp-Vijai deal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI observed that the estimated share of Vijai in the electrical transmission and markets for distribution equipment, transformers and switchgear is small. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-10-21/news/43250579_1_vijai-electricals-competition-commission-proposed-combination</p>	☺
8.	29/10/13	<p><u>CCI approves merger of ad firm Publicis and Omnicom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The competition watchdog says that Publicis-Omnicom merger deal will not adversely impact competition in India. 	☺

		http://m.livemint.com/Consumer/9VAQ8e9etqytlhMT56WHTI/CCI-approves-merger-of-ad-firms-Publicis-Omnicom.html	
9.	30/10/13	<p>Microsoft-Nokia deal gets Competition Commission panel nod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Competition Commission of India has approved Microsoft's proposed \$7.2-billion acquisition of Nokia's mobile devices business, citing that the deal would not have adverse impact on competition in the Indian market. <p>http://legalera.in/news-deals/highlights/competition-news/item/10995-cci-approves-acquisition-of-nokia-s-devices-by-microsoft-corp-amarchand-mangaldas-advisory-to-both</p>	☺
November			
1.	1/11/13	<p>CCI rejects complaint against L & T in realty case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Competition Commission has rejected allegations of anti-competitive ways against diversified group Larsen & Toubro with regard to a housing project in Bangalore as it found no evidence of unfair practices in the case. <p>http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/cci-rejects-complaint-against-larsen-and-toubro-in-realty-case/1190102/</p>	☺
2.	7/11/13	<p>CCI slaps penalty on Tamil Nadu Theatre Owners Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The complaint by Anil Ambani group company Reliance Big Entertainment had alleged that the association indulged in anti-competitive ways with regard to release of Osth, the Tamil remake of Salman Khan-starrer Dabangg. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/cci-slaps-penalty-on-tamil-nadu-theatre-owners-association-113110700717_1.html</p>	☺
3.	7/11/13	<p>Competition watchdog declares no abuse of dominance in Delhi, Mumbai airport parking rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaint filed by Citizen Grievances Redressal Foundation that had alleged that parking rates at Mumbai International Airport and Delhi International Airport were excessively high compared to those at Kolkata and Chennai airports. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-11-11/news/43930350_1_parking-rates-airports-competition-watchdog</p>	☹
4.	12/11/13	<p>Green light for Etihad to take stake in India's Jet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The competition commission said that the proposed combination is not likely to have appreciable adverse effect on competition in India <p>http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/11/12/us-jet-etihad-competitionregulator-idUSBRE9AB0R920131112</p>	☺
5.	18/11/13	<p>CCI to pass order on the issue of jurisdiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The oil companies had challenged the CCI saying the regulator had no jurisdiction on looking at fixing of petrol prices. The firms had told the CCI they are regulated by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board. <p>http://zeenews.india.com/business/news/economy/cci-to-pass-order-on-issue-of-its-jurisdiction-on-oil-pricing_88951.html</p>	☺
6	21/11/13	<p>3rd BRICS International Competition Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main objective was to discuss the various issues and challenges on competition enforcement in BRICS countries. <p>http://post.jagran.com/brics-competition-meet-calls-for-more-regulatory-cooperation-1385181980</p>	☺
7.	21/11/13	<p>MOU signed between CCI & EU on competition issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chairman, Competition Commission of India, Ashok Chawla and the 	☺

		Vice President for Competition, EU, Joaquin Almunia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Competition Laws. http://www.sarkaritel.com/the-chairman-competition-commission-of-india-ashok-chawla-and-the-vice-president-for-competition-eu-joaquin-almunia-signing-a-mou/	
8.	26/11/13	CCI to probe Ericsson on complaint by Micromax - Competition Commission of India has ordered investigation into the matter after finding prima-facie evidence of Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson indulging in unfair trade practices. http://www.hindustantimes.com/business-news/competition-commission-to-probe-ericsson-on-micromax-complaint/article1-1156424.aspx	☺
9.	29/11/13	CCI gives green signal to P&G - In its order, fair trade regulator CCI said that Procter & Gamble Home Products' dominance, if any, in the market of toothbrushes, toothpastes and detergent powder has no concern with manufacturing contracts. http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/competition-watchdog-gives-clean-chit-to-pg/article5397918.ece	☺
December			
1.	8/12/13	Competition Commission of India has imposed penalty of Rs 8024.18 crore on 154 parties in various cases - Up to 25.11.2013, the Competition Commission of India has imposed penalty of Rs. 8024.18 crore on 154 parties in various cases out of which an amount of Rs. 19.37 crore has been recovered and deposited in Government Account from 58 parties. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-12-06/news/44864287_1_competition-commission-trade-regulator-competition-crore	☹
2.	11/12/13	Coal India fined \$290 million by competition regulator CCI - The fine has imposed on CIL for abusing its dominant position and imposing unfair conditions in fuel supply agreements with customers. http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/cci-slaps-rs-1773cr-penalty-coal-india_1005741.html	☺
3.	12/12/13	Competition watchdog slapped penalty on chemist bodies - CCI directs All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists to desist from anti-competitive practices that affect supply of drugs. http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/power-sector-hit-by-less-competition-113121201033_1.html	☺
4.	13/12/13	CCI imposed penalty on Etihad - The Competition Commission of India has slapped a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Etihad Airways for implementing a commercial cooperation agreement and concluding a sale & leaseback deal with Jet Airways for its London (Heathrow) slots without approval. http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/cci-slaps-rs-1-cr-penalty-on-etihad-113121900856_1.html	☺
5.	14/12/13	CCI approves merger of Alstom, Kalyani Group JV firms - The CCI said that "the proposed combination is not likely to have appreciable adverse effect on competition in India". http://profit.ndtv.com/news/corporates/article-fair-trade-regulator-clears-merger-of-alstom-kalyani-group-jv-firms-374875	☺
6.	16/12/13	JSW Steel acquisition gets CCI approval - Fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI) has	☺

		<p>approved the acquisition of Heidelberg Cement India's grinding facility at Raigad, Maharashtra, by JSW Steel.</p> <p>http://www.worldcement.com/news/contracts/articles/JSW_Steel_acquisition_gets_CCI_approval_521.aspx#.Utd8_tIW3gw</p>	
7.	17/12/13	<p>Walmart gets CCI nod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global retail giant Walmart, got the Competition Commission of India's green signal for purchase of the Bharti group's almost 50 per cent stake in their Indian joint venture for wholesale stores business. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-12-17/news/45257260_1_bharti-retail-indian-iv-proposed-combination</p>	☺
8.	23/12/13	<p>CCI Okays acquisition of Jaypee's cement plants by Ultratech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both Ultratech and Jaypee are engaged in the manufacture and marketing of different varieties of cement across India. The combined capacity of Sewagram and Wanakbori plants is 4.8 MTPA. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-cm/ultratech-cement-in-focus-after-cci-nod-for-jaypee-cement-unit-acquisition-113122400114_1.html</p>	☺