Collusive Behaviour in Health Delivery in India: Need for Effective Regulation

6th July 2010, New Delhi

PROGRAMME AGENDA

0900 - 0930 Registration

0930 - 1000 Welcome Remarks
Rijit Sengupta, CUTS

Opening Remarks
Avinash Kumar, Oxfam India

1000 - 1145 Access to healthcare delivery in India and challenges thereof
(The problem with existing healthcare delivery in India is multidimensional. Inefficient use of already low levels of public financing coupled with prohibitively expensive, substandard and often unregulated private healthcare gives rise to inappropriate practices and sub-optimal outcomes. This session would try to identify challenges in the sector and their implications for ordinary consumers, especially from the perspective of quality, price, choice and access)

Chair
Mira Shiva, Initiative for Health and Equity in Society

Panellists
S Srinivasan, Low Cost Standard Therapeutics
Krishnakumar Sankaranarayanan, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Subhadra Menon, Public Health Foundation of India

Floor Discussion

1145 - 1200 Tea Break
1200 - 1330  Introduction to project outline & methodology  
Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS  
Floor Discussion

1330 – 1430  Lunch Break

1430 - 1530  Legal and Regulatory instruments to address collusive practices in healthcare delivery

(The expanding size of the private sector involved in providing healthcare delivery in India coupled with the absence of proper regulatory oversight has led to emergence of market malpractices of varying nature/degree. This session would explore the possibility of addressing anti-competitive practices, especially collusion and unfair trade practices in the sector, with the help of the available regulatory instruments in the country)

Chair  
Geeta Gouri, Competition Commission of India  
Panellists  
Yogesh Pai, National Law University  
Sunil Nandraj, WHO India

1530 – 1630  Summing up & Closing  
Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS

Venue:  
Conference Room, III, Annexe, India International Centre,  
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