

ROUNDTABLE

REGULATING INNOVATION IN URBAN MOBILITY IN INDIA

FRIDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2018 | CHANCERY-I HALL, THE ORCHID, MUMBAI

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:30	Registration and Tea
11:30 – 11:50	Presentation on CUTS Research Study – Regulatory Impact Assessment of Maharashtra City Taxi Rules, 2017
	<p>In March 2017, the Government of Maharashtra issued the Maharashtra City Taxi Rules, 2017 (Rules) for regulating the taxis linked with app based aggregators.</p> <p>Regulations can have several direct and indirect consequences. It is necessary to ensure that the costs of regulations are outweighed by their benefits. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is a globally recognised tool which provides a framework for such analysis of costs and benefits. RIA estimates impacts of different regulatory proposals and recommends such option which has the potential to result in maximum net benefits. It is informed by robust and structured stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>CUTS International has applied the RIA framework to estimate costs and benefits of select provisions of the Rules. The analysis has been informed by in-person interactions with 1,000 drivers and 1,000 users of city taxi services in Mumbai Metropolitan Region and consultations with relevant stakeholders. In this session, the findings and recommendations of RIA study conducted by CUTS would be presented and discussed.</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arpit Tiwari, Assistant Policy Analyst, <i>CUTS International</i>
11:50 – 13:00	Discussion on “Benefitting from Innovation in Urban Mobility in India : Is light touch regulation the key?”
	<p>Innovation in urban mobility has the potential to provide reliable and convenient services to users at affordable prices, while opening up employment opportunities. To ensure that such benefits are realised, a balanced regulatory approach is essential.</p> <p>What can be the key characteristics of such approach? Do frameworks like Regulatory Impact Assessment provide some guidance? How can regulators make transition from existing regulatory frameworks to such approach, while taking into account interests of incumbents as well as innovators? Is light touch regulation the key to regulate innovation in urban mobility? These are some of the issues which the interactive discussion will delve into.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amol Kulkarni, <i>Fellow, CUTS International</i> <p>Key Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B C Khatua, <i>Director, Mumbai Transformation Support Unit</i> • Sudhir Badami, <i>Former Member, Research & MIS Committee of Unified Mumbai Metropolitan Transport Authority</i> • Ranjit Gadgil, <i>Program Director, Parisar</i> • Sudhakar Yedla, <i>Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research</i>
13:00 – 13:05	Closing Remarks – CUTS International
13:05 onwards	Lunch