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## RESEARCH REPORTS

**Evolution of Competition Laws and their Enforcement: A Political Economy Perspective**

Edited by **Pradeep Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International

The book covers case studies of nine countries of differing sizes and at varying stages of economic development that have at one stage or another repealed extant competition laws for new ones, and seeks to examine the motivations and contexts under which this was done.

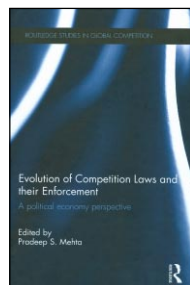
The countries examined include the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Ireland, Poland, Serbia, South Africa, Tanzania and the UK. Tracing the evolution of competition regimes in the countries covered, the book provides lessons for countries still in the process of forming their competition regimes.

The contributions show that the road to strong competition regimes is seldom smooth, and that social, economic and political factors in the country hugely impact on the pace and effectiveness of competition reforms.

December 2011 c 222 pp

Hardback 978-0-415-67213-9 c £85.00

In Association with Routledge

**Did we make any difference? Reforming Competition Law Regimes in the Developing World through the 7Up Programme**

**Pradeep Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International and **Rijit Sengupta**, Regional Director, (Africa) CUTS

CUTS has undertaken a number of research based advocacy and capacity building projects on competition policy and law issues in nearly 30 countries of Africa and Asia. One of the main goals behind these projects was to equip key national stakeholders with awareness and understanding on competition policy and law issues, so that they can play their (respective) roles in the effective enforcement of competition laws.

Having embarked on competition policy projects since 2000, it was also critical for CUTS to evaluate its effectiveness in achieving this goal, which is likely to witness far greater action pertaining to competition enforcement.

In this book, CUTS summarises its experiences of having worked on competition reforms across these countries highlighting some of the benefits that have accrued to these countries and the challenges that lie ahead.

2012 c 96 pp 978-81-8257-161-7



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**Trade, Competition, and the Pricing of Commodities**

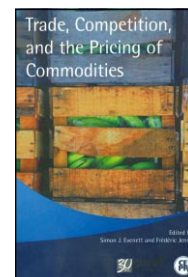
Edited by **Simon J. Evenett**, University of St. Gallen and CEPR and **Frédéric Jenny**, Essec Business School, Paris

After several decades of quiescence, global commodity prices almost doubled in 2008 and, after a brief fall, rose again in 2011. The impact of population growth on demand, and of climate change on supply, makes it likely that commodity prices will continue to be an important issue on the global policy agenda.

The purpose of this volume, composed of papers presented at a conference co-organised by CEPR and CUTS in Geneva in September 2011, is to identify and assess the importance of factors responsible for the recent increases in levels and volatility of commodity prices.

February 2012 c 175 pp Hardback 978-1-907142-50-5

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**Understanding the State of Domestic Competition and Consumer Policies in Select MENA Countries**

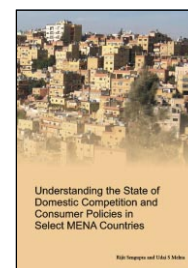
**Rijit Sengupta**, Regional Director, (Africa) CUTS and **Udai S Mehta**, Associate Director, CUTS

In order to develop a deeper understanding (and a subsequent initiative on competition and consumer protection issues) CUTS undertook a needs assessment mission in seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

A report collating discussions and the information gathered over the course of the mission has been prepared which highlights challenges and opportunities that exist in terms of promoting competition reforms and protecting the interest of consumers in countries.

2012 c 82 pp 978-81-8257-167-9

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French version of the Report is also available

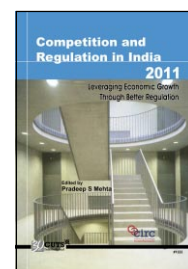
**Competition and Regulation in India, 2011**

Edited by **Pradeep Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International

CUTS initiated a project entitled, 'India Competition and Regulation Report' (ICRR 2011) to assess the importance and effectiveness of regulatory of regulatory institutions, awareness among consumers and other stakeholder groups in India. It is the third biennial report (2007 and 2009) that maps status of competition and regulation across Indian markets and focusses on six emerging sectors, i.e. Microfinance, Natural Gas, Retail, Real Estate (residential), Road Transport (passenger transport) and Telecommunications.

2012 c 311 pp 978-81-8257-174-7 c Rs 395/US\$50

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## ISSUE NOTES

## Why is the Government afraid of releasing the Chawla Committee Report on Natural Resources?

Following a spate of corruption scandals in the resources sector, the Government of India established the Committee on Allocation of Natural Resources (Ashok Chawla Committee named after its chairman) on January 31, 2011 to find ways of how to allocate the natural resources to seekers through a transparent and democratic process. This Issue Note looks at various issues in each of the sectors and the major recommendations of the Committee. It argues that the report and accepted recommendations of the Government of India should be placed in the public domain to enable all stakeholders to benefit from such a seminal work on the subject and a more informed decision making is facilitated, so that the intent of the government to curb corruption is converted into reality.

[www.parfore.in/pdf/6-2012-Why\\_is\\_the\\_Government\\_afraid\\_of\\_releasing\\_the\\_Chawla\\_Committee\\_Report\\_on\\_Natural\\_Resources.pdf](http://www.parfore.in/pdf/6-2012-Why_is_the_Government_afraid_of_releasing_the_Chawla_Committee_Report_on_Natural_Resources.pdf)



## From Charity to Better Business Behaviour in India

Is the current understanding of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India relevant and adequate? What are the different delivery systems for CSR programmes in India? What are the differences between CSR, Business Responsibility and Responsible Business Conduct? How can a supporting policy environment for its operation be developed in the country? These are some questions that need to be addressed in order to take forward discussions on the subject, and enhance clarity among key stakeholders. This Issue Note attempts to address some of these questions to help policymakers and key opinion leaders to have an informed discussion on the subject.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/BRCC/pdf/5-2012-From\\_Charity\\_to\\_Better\\_Business\\_Behaviour\\_in\\_India.pdf](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/BRCC/pdf/5-2012-From_Charity_to_Better_Business_Behaviour_in_India.pdf)



## Agenda for India's Renewal – Reforms for all

This issue note is drawn from the recent debate initiated by The Economic Times entitled 'Agenda for Renewal.' It summarises not only the agenda so expounded but also captures the subsequent debate thereon and additional issues that have emerged to help Parliamentarians and people take a considered view whenever issues around this debate are discussed in and out of the Parliament.

[www.parfore.in/pdf/2-2012-Agenda\\_for\\_Indias\\_Renewal-Reforms\\_for\\_all.pdf](http://www.parfore.in/pdf/2-2012-Agenda_for_Indias_Renewal-Reforms_for_all.pdf)



## FDI in Multi-brand Retailing – Adequate Safeguards is Key to Success

The government's decision to allow 51 percent foreign direct investment (FDI) in multi brand retail trading (MBRT) has attracted a huge debate in the country. It has been argued that the policy will result in greater benefits to consumers and farmers. This paper reviews the situation in a dispassionate manner and argues that FDI in MBRT should be allowed but adequate safeguards should be built in so that it does not end up in a losing proposition and justify the right fears of it being another rip off.

[www.parfore.in/pdf/1-2012FDI\\_in\\_Multi-brand\\_Retailing-Adequate\\_Safeguard\\_is\\_Key\\_to\\_Success.pdf](http://www.parfore.in/pdf/1-2012FDI_in_Multi-brand_Retailing-Adequate_Safeguard_is_Key_to_Success.pdf)



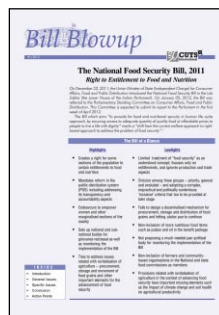
## BILL BLOWUP

### The National Food Security Bill, 2011 Right to Entitlement to Food and Nutrition

On December 22, 2011, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution introduced the National Food Security Bill in the Lok Sabha (the Lower House of the Indian Parliament). On January 05, 2012, the Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution which is expected to submit its report to the Parliament in April 2012.

The Bill which aims to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity marks a shift from the current welfare approach to a right-based approach to address the problem of food security.

[www.parfore.in/pdf/Bill\\_Blowup-The\\_National\\_Food\\_Security\\_Bill\\_2011\\_Right\\_to\\_Entitlement\\_to\\_Food\\_and\\_Nutrition.pdf](http://www.parfore.in/pdf/Bill_Blowup-The_National_Food_Security_Bill_2011_Right_to_Entitlement_to_Food_and_Nutrition.pdf)



## WORKING PAPER

### Indian Foreign Direct Investment in Africa

The aim of the paper is to review the roadmap of Indian foreign direct investment (FDI) in Africa by identifying the factors that have motivated Indian multi-national corporations (MNCs) to invest in Africa. The paper discusses the theoretical aspects related to the motives and types of outward foreign direct investment (O-FDI) and identifies the motivations of Indian O-FDI in Africa. It examines patterns of Indian O-FDI in Africa on the basis of sectors and destinations focusing on the Indian investment opportunity in Africa.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/Indian\\_Foreign\\_Direct\\_Investment\\_in\\_Africa.pdf](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/Indian_Foreign_Direct_Investment_in_Africa.pdf)



## NEWSLETTERS

### ReguLetter

This is a quarterly flagship newsletter published by CUTS CCIER. The objective is to create awareness among the stakeholders, particularly the civil society organisations, who in turn lobby at national, regional and international level, on the issues related to competition and consumer welfare. It focuses on news, views and policies related to corporate restructuring, regulations of utilities and finances, corporate governance etc. of different countries, with focus on developing nations. Special dedicated sections showcase issues and cases thwarting competition in countries across the globe providing readers an insight into the competition scenario therein.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/reguletter.htm](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/reguletter.htm)



### PolicyWatch

This is a quarterly newsletter published by CUTS CCIER. The objective is to report on policy and regulatory developments in India with the objective of informing people. This newsletter is primarily meant for Indian readers, dealing with various economic policy issues. It covers developments on policy responses, implementation and distortions. Special dedicated sections such as Good Practices, Viewpoint, and Discussion Topic raise several interesting and relevant issues drawing attention towards their implications and impact.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/pw-index.htm](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/pw-index.htm)



### CUTS CCIER ACTIVITY REPORT

CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation (CUTS CCIER) produces a quarterly report summarising major activities undertaken during the period. This document – referred to as “CCIER Activity Report” – provides a quick overview of the various operations of the Centre and corresponding outputs/outcomes.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/CCIER\\_Activities.htm](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/CCIER_Activities.htm)



### CCI WATCH

The role of the Competition Commission of India is very crucial for effective competition amongst the market players. CCI's imposition of heavy penalties and probe into sectors such as real estate, entertainment, cement, petroleum, steel, travel industry, healthcare, education, etc. have kept the Commission in the limelight since past three years. It is hard to find a day when CCI is not being talked about in the newspaper. Therefore, the aim of the CCI Watch is to review and highlight the performance of CCI through the lens of media.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/CCI\\_Watch.htm](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/CCI_Watch.htm)

### DOSSIER

#### Competition Distortions in India

This quarterly dossier looks at the interface of policy issues which has an impact on competition in India, which can be both negative and positive. The purpose is to flag issues to the layman as well as to the policymakers and regulators, rather than be judgmental.

[www.cuts-ccier.org/Competition\\_Distortions\\_India.htm](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/Competition_Distortions_India.htm)

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