

Minutes of Meeting of CCI on Knowledge Partnership Initiative (KPI), dated 14.09.12.

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Meeting was held at Competition Commission of India, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi -110001, India; and presided by Mr. Ashok Chawla, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India.

There were 6 proposed issues for discussion.

- 1. Research – As far as research on competition laws issues were concerned CCI emphasized on the Law Institutions using the help of Academicians and students to aid in research. Proposals were placed by certain Institutions for conducting research on core areas.**
- 2. Education and training – CCI emphasized on making Competition Law a compulsory subject in the National Law Schools. I mentioned that Competition Law is taught in NLU, Jodhpur as a compulsory subject in the Xth Semester in the LLB Undergraduate Course. Certain Institutions like ILS, Pune, said if CCI can request the Bar Council of India to emphasize the need of making Competition Law, a compulsory subject, then those institutions can also make it a compulsory subject. I also mentioned that in NLU, Jodhpur, Law of Infrastructure Development is taught as Business Law Honors subject in Undergraduate level and also in LLM course, where there is direct relationship of Competition issues in the Infrastructure Sectors like TRAI, CERC, AERA, etc. I also mentioned that NLU, Jodhpur, has created Centre for Competition Law and Policy, which has objectives of making valuable contribution in the field of Competition law and Policy. CCI insisted that the National Law Schools can also offer LLM Course on Competition Law.**
- 3. Advocacy – CCI said that they are keen to come to the National Law schools and engage awareness creation of the role played by CCI in recent years in promoting competition within India.**
- 4. Conferences/Seminars/workshops- CCI expects the National Law Schools to conduct conferences, workshops with the help of VCOs (Voluntary Consumer Organizations) in their own campuses. CCI is interested to give a list of core areas where the Law Institutions can organize Seminars. CCI can send observers to attend those seminars.**
- 5. Publications – CCI insists in creating literature in Competition Law. The National law schools have projects done by students in Competition law. If efforts are made for publication of good work which are peer reviewed then**

that can help the cause of fair competition in India. CCI is also interested to get the booklets published by CCI to be translated in vernacular languages by the respective law schools.

- 6. Internships for students at CCI – CCI had promised that they are keen to offer internships to students of National Law schools who can work in CCI and gain useful experience of practical work related to investigation of anti-competitive activities carried out in Competition law.**
- 7. Project proposal – Regarding the project proposal send on Coal Sector, the Economics Wing of CCI had mentioned that CCI has constraints in advising the Central Government on policy issues. Procurement of coal can be a policy issue where the hands of CCI are tied. But the proposal can be reframed to provide hypothesis relating to possibility of bid-rigging and abuse of dominance of Coal India Limited, under section 3 and 4 of the Competition Act, 2002, as amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007. So CCI expects the reframed proposal to be send to them after enquiring the possibility of the anti-competitive practices in the Coal Sector.**