

NEWS ON LAUNCH OF COMPETITION LAW CIRQUE, WORKING PAPER SERIES ON COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

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Competition Law Cirque, the Working Paper series on Competition law and policy had been launched on 9th March, 2014, during the Valedictory Session of Anti-trust Moot Court Competition, 2014, hosted by NLU, Jodhpur. Dr. Geeta Gouri, member of Competition Commission of India launched the Working Paper Series. It was launched before the members of Amarchand Mangaldas Law Firm who had sponsored the Anti-trust Moot Court Competition, 2014.

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Aim & Purpose: To critically analyse the contemporary developments of Competition Law in India and its relevance in international scenario.

Introduction: Competition Law is a relatively new subject in India. It came into effect by virtue of enactment of Competition Act, 2002 by repeal of its predecessor MRTP Act, 1969. With the onset of disinvestment by Government and increased role of private players in the market, need for regulations on the nature of their actions, is needed. Competition Law which is similar to that of anti-trust law deals with the competitive and anti-competitive activities of entities in the market. The Act deals with various modes and scenarios of anti-competitive practices and provides for various penalising or corrective measures. With the increased complexity of nature of transactions between corporate entities involving various anti-competitive practices, it is expected that the Competition Commission is expertise in the said area for effective implementation of the law. This allows for contemplation of the various recognised or developing legal issues like effect

of economic evidence, parallel pricing, etc which hold extreme importance for determining sly actions of market entities to resort to anti-competitive practices.

With the exception of few, areas like Intellectual Property Rights, Telecommunications, Coal, Electricity, Transport Infrastructure, etc. necessarily overlap with Competition Law in light of the entrance of multiple private players in the same. This brings into light various conflicting regulatory measures, jurisdictional conflict or concurrence, etc.

The contemporary relevance of the subject in addition to the developments of market system, a detailed study on this subject in an innovative manner would be extremely significant in a country like India with extensive markets.

Domain: The Working Paper Series/ Journal cover legal issues pertaining to Competition Law (Anti-Trust Law) in India, and USA, European Union, etc. It provides for research papers, short notes and case commentaries.

Advantage of the Working Paper/Journal: The Working Paper/Journal on Competition Law & Policy would be the first Working Paper/Journal in India on the said subject providing us with the opportunity of venturing into an upcoming area of law with a significant prospect of growth and development.

Mode of Publication: It is suggested that the Working Paper/ Journal be published twice a year. An online website solely for the publication of developments on and about the Working Paper/Journal would be created. An online forum, for comments from various law students on the subject, would be created.