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Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India and  
CUTS International

Agenda for the National Conference on  
“Competition Regime – Benefiting the Consumer”

*Wednesday 20th October, 2010, Gulmohar, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi*

### PROGRAMME

10:00 Registration & Tea

11:00 – 12:00 Opening Session

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| 11:00 - 11:10 | Welcome Address by Shri Dhanendra Kumar, Chairman, CCI   |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | Inaugural Address by Shri Salman Khurshid, Hon’ble Minister of Corporate Affairs                               |
| 11:25 – 11:40 | Keynote Address by Prof. K.V.Thomas Hon’ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution |
| 11:40 – 11:55 | Presidential Address by Chief Guest Dr. M.Veerappa Moily Hon’ble Minister of Law                               |
| 11:55 – 12:00 | Vote of Thanks by Shri Pradeep S Mehta, S.G. CUTS  |

12:00 – 13:15 Session I: Competition Law and the Consumer Theme

- Benefits of competition for consumer
- International and domestic examples where competition has yielded better outcomes for consumers
- Overview of Competition Act, 2002

Chair Shri T K Viswanathan, Secretary General, Lok Sabha  
Presenter: Shri Pradeep S Mehta, SG, CUTS

Panellists: S/Shri Shantanu Dixit, Prayas, Pune; TCA Srinivasa-Raghavan, Associate Editor, Business Line, New Delhi and Sriram Khanna, Mg Trustee, VOICE, New Delhi, Surendra Kanstiya former Chairman CGSI

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45 Session II: Anticompetitive practices and the Consumer Theme

- Anti-competitive practices in selected sectors
- Redressal mechanism

Chair : Shri R. Bandyopadhyay, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
Presenter: Shri Bibek Debroy, Professor, CPR, New Delhi



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Panellists: S/Shri Navneet Sharma, Director, CIRC, New Delhi; YG Muralidharan, MG Trustee, CREAT, Bangalore; S. Chakraborty former Member MRTP, Ms Pushpa Girimaji Columnist and Author Consumer Rights for Everyone'

15:45 – 16:00 Tea/coffee

16:00 – 17:30 **Session III: Consumer - Key stakeholder in the Competition Regime**  
**Theme:**

- **Effective enforcement and consumer empowerment**
- **Consumer awareness and advocacy**

Chair: Shri Pradeep S Mehta, SG, CUTS

Presenter: Shri R Desikan, President, CAI, Chennai

Panellists:; S/Shri Ramaben Mavani, former Chairperson, CCC, Rajkot; Mumbai; Divakar Babu, General Secretary, CGS, Vijaywada and Raghav Narsalay, formerly with MGP, Mumbai.

17:30 – 18:40 **Way forward and Valedictory Session**

17:30-17:35 - Welcome Address by Shri Dhanendra Kumar, Chairman, CCI

17:35-17:45 – Summary of Deliberations by Shri Pradeep S Mehta, SG, CUTS

17:45-18:00 - Special Address by Guest of Honour Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Bhan,  
Chairman National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission

18:00-18:15 - Presidential Address by Hon'ble Dr Justice Arijit Pasayat, Chairman,  
Competition Appellate Tribunal

18:15-18:35 - Valedictory Address by Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altmas Kabir ,  
Judge Supreme Court of India

18:35-18:40 - Vote of thanks by Shri Rakesh Kacker, Additional Secretary, DoCA

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