

VOTE OF THANKS

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Good Evening to all the participants of training programme on 'Competition Policy and Law'. As we come to the close of this training programme, it is my pleasure to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of Competition Commission of India (CCI), to all who have helped make this event such a success.

In the beginning I will like to thank Shri P.D. Sudhakar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, for being with us and inaugurating this training programme by taking his time out amidst of his busy schedule. His address set the tone of this training programme by clearly indicating the importance of the competition as life blood of market economy and the support and commitment of the government in regulating the Indian markets regarding fair competition. He emphasized on the importance of training programmes in competition to the persons involved in policy formulations, so as to minimize the unintentional hindrance created by the government policies and to identify those laws and regulations which creates impediments in the line of competition.

I wish also to record our sincere appreciation to Dr. Rajat Katuria, Professor, ICIER, for presenting on the topic of 'Competition and Regulation'. He has been an expert in this area and has always shown keen interest in associating himself for the activities of the Commission by sharing his knowledge for this commission.

I wish to thank Shri S. L. Bunker, Secretary, CCI, who has always been a great support behind such events.

I sincerely thank Shri Amitabh Kumar, Director General, who is a source of inspiration and motivation in the Commission with his vast knowledge and acumen in the subject.

I am further, thankful to Shri K. K. Shrama, Advisor (Law), CCI, who has been very supportive for this training programme and has provided valuable contribution in making this training a success.

At this point I would like to extend my thanks to Shri Augustine Peter, Economic Advisor, CCI, who has been taking advocacy initiatives and relentlessly working in the Commission to advocate the Competition Law. Unfortunately, today he is at his home town, because of the sad demise of his father.

Thanks are also due to other staffs and personals involved in the training programmes.

I also thank the IIC, for providing such a good venue and nice catering services.

Above all, I thank all the participants from the Central Government and State Governments. As, your participation has made this training programme a successful event. I believe that this training has certainly provided you an insight into the "Competition Policy and Law". After this training programme, It is expected that whenever you will be dealing in policy formulation, this exposure will help you to formulate the policy with the angle of fair competition.

I will also like to reiterate to the state government officers that that a support programme has been developed to provide financial as well as logistic support for organizing such training programmes in your respective states/ regions. It is anticipated that positive responses will be received from your respective states.

Last but not least I thank Ministry of Corporate affairs for providing the support for this training programme.

To conclude, let me once again reiterate my gratitude to all.

I request all of you to come and join for High Tea.

Thank you.