

Seminar on
"Competition Law"
Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
at Walchand Hirachand Hall, 4th Floor, IMC

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to inform that the Indian Merchants' Chamber under the auspices of its Law Committee is organizing its Second Full Day Seminar in the series "*LAWS FOR PROGRESS*", on, '**COMPETITION LAW**' on **Saturday the 7th December 2013 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** in the Walchand Hirachand Hall (4th Floor), IMC.

OBJECTIVE

As you are aware, provisions of the **Competition Act, 2002** (as amended by the Competition Amendment Act 2009) was enacted with the objectives of ensuring free and fair competition in market by prohibiting anti-competition agreement, abuse of dominant position and by regulating competition. As of now all the three components of the Act viz. (i) Prohibition of Anti-competitive agreements (ii) Prohibition of abuse of dominance by enterprises or group and (iii) regulation of certain combinations (Merger and Acquisition) have come into force.

Some of the provisions were made effective in the year 2003. Thereafter further provisions of that Act have been made effective in the years 2007, 2009 and 2011. Provisions relating to Prohibition of anti-competitive agreements, prohibition of abuse of dominant position, enquiry into agreements or abuse of dominant position, competition advocacy etc. had been brought into effect from 20th May 2009 and thereafter the remaining provisions relating to Combinations i.e., Section 5, 6, 20, 29, 30, 31, 43 to the Competition Act have been brought into effect from 1st June 2011.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been recently delivered some important decisions relating to aspects of Competition Law on Complaints made by parties regarding formation of Cartels, Anti-competitive agreements, Abuse of dominance by enterprises or groups and have been penalizing heavily for cartel like agreements for collusion and bid rigging.

Emergence of Competition Law jurisprudence in India is of recent development and any interpretation of various provisions of Competition Law by CCI is likely to have a lasting impact on the future of implementation and enforcement of this Law.

It has therefore become imperative for the corporate executives and professionals such as Lawyers, Chartered Accountants and Company Secretaries to know the relevant provisions and working of the Act and the rules and regulations made there-under, as also their implications and impact thereof on their business activities and environment.

Indian Merchants' Chamber under the auspices of its Law Committee is therefore organizing a Seminar on "Competition Law" on Saturday, 7th December 2013 from 9.30 am to 4.30 p.m. M/s Khaitan & Co, Advocates are our Knowledge Partner for the Seminar.

Mrs. Geeta Gouri, Member, Competition Commission of India has accepted our invitation as the Chief Guest for the Seminar. Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, First Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India has also accepted our invitation and will be the Keynote Speaker.

Several other eminent speakers and experts on the subject from the Law profession and Industry will be participating as speakers and/or panelists including Mr. Amitabh Kumar and Mr. Farhad Sorabjee, Senior Partners, Mr. Zerick Dastur, Partner, J. Sagar Associate (JSA), Ms. Nirmala Gill, Senior Vice President, Group Legal Services, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited; Mr Dev Bajpai Executive Director, Legal, Corporate Affairs and Company Secretary, Hindustan Unilever Limited; Mr. Manas Kumar Chaudhuri and Ms. Avaantika Kakkar, Partners, Khaitan & Co, Ms. Nisha Kaur Uberoi, Partner, Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co., and Mr. Balbir Singh, Partner, DSK Legal.

A detailed programme will be sent to you shortly.

This is a very good opportunity for Corporate Executives, Company Secretaries, Chartered Accountants, Cost and Work Accountants, Practicing Lawyers, Solicitors, Corporate Counsel, Senior Managers, other Professionals and Businessmen to understand and appreciate the various provisions of the Competition Law and implications and impact thereof on their business activities and environment .

DATE & TIME

Saturday, the 7th December 2013 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

VENUE

Walchand Hirachand Hall (4th Floor), IMC

FEES

Rs.2,000/- per Participant for IMC Members inclusive of Service Tax.

Rs.2,500/- per Participant for Non - IMC Members inclusive of Service Tax.

(This includes the cost of Background Paper, Tea/Coffee & Lunch etc.)

TERMS OF ADMISSION

Only a limited number of participants will be admitted on first-come-first-served basis.

The enclosed Registration Form should be duly filled in and returned along with the Cheque / Draft in favour of the **Indian Merchants' Chamber**, at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Arvind Pradhan
Director General.

Knowledge Partner



Encl: Registration . Form