

CCI order challenged by Google over anticompetitive practices

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Why in the News?

Google, was slapped with a fine of Rs 1,338 crore by CCI after being found guilty of anti-competitive behaviour in the Android mobile application ecosystem

What are Anticompetitive practices?

- It refers to a wide range of business practices in which a firm or group of firms may engage to restrict inter-firm competition to maintain or increase their relative market position and profits without necessarily providing goods and services at a lower cost or of higher quality.

What is CCI?

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) was established in March 2009 by the Government of India under **the Competition Act, 2002** for the administration, implementation, and enforcement of the Act.
- **Composition of the CCI**

- The Commission consists of **one Chairperson and six Members** who shall be appointed by the Central Government.
- It is a **quasi-judicial body** which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases.
- The Chairperson and other Members shall be whole-time Members

- **Objectives:**

- It will eliminate practices having adverse effects on competition.
- To Promote and sustain competition.
- It helps in protecting the interests of consumers.
- Ensuring freedom of trade in the markets of India.
- It will Establish a robust competitive environment through:

What is NCLAT?

- It was constituted under Section 410 of **the Companies Act, 2013** for hearing appeals against the orders of the National Company Law Tribunal(s) (NCLT), with effect from 1st June 2016.
- **Functions:**
 - Hearing appeals against the orders passed by NCLT(s) under Section 61 of **the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016** (IBC).
 - To hear and dispose of appeals against any direction issued or decision made or order passed by **the Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.
- It also hears and disposes of appeals against the orders of the **National Financial Reporting Authority**.

Q1) What are the effects of anti-competitive practices?

The most obvious effect of such practices is seen in the form of price increases in markets involving output-restricting or price-fixing cartels and dominant firms abusing their market power. In such cases, consumers are the ones who suffer directly from restricted competition.

Source: Google moves NCLAT over CCI fine on 'dominance'

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