GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 4 ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 21ST JULY, 2015

COMPLAINTS AGAINST RE-SALE PRICE ARRANGEMENTS

QUESTION

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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has received certain complaints on the existence of re-sale price arrangements between manufacturers and distributors/retailers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the CCI thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of the consumers in the matter?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 4 FOR 21.07.2015 REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST RE-SALE PRICE ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) & (b) Information on four cases under section 19(1) (a) of the Competition Act, 2002 on alleged contravention of the provisions of the Act relating to anti-competitive re-sale price agreements has been received by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) as under: -
 - (i) Case No. 68/2013 (by Ghanshyam Das Vij against M/s Bajaj Corp. Ltd. & Ors.) The Director General, CCI (DG, CCI) has submitted the investigation report in the matter, which is under consideration of the Commission.
 - (ii) Case No. 36/2014 (by M/s Fx Enterprise Solutions India Pvt. Ltd. Against M/s Hyundai Motor India Ltd.) The matter is under investigation by DG, CCI.
 - (iii) Case No. 61/2014 [by M/s Jasper Infotech Pvt. Ltd. (Snapdeal) against M/s Kaff Appliances (India) Pvt. Ltd.] The matter is under investigation by DG, CCI.
 - (iv) Case No. 09/2015 (by M/s Shubham Sanitarywares against M/s HSIL Ltd.) The matter is under consideration of the Commission for a prima facie view.
- (c) CCI has been established under the Competition Act, 2002 to prevent practices having adverse effect on competition.

The Government in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs has enacted the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 to provide for protection of the interests of consumers and for the purpose, a three tier quasi-judicial machinery has been set up at District, State and Central Levels to provide simple and speedy redressal of consumer disputes. These quasi-judicial bodies have been empowered to give relief of a specific nature and award, wherever appropriate, compensation to consumers.
