

# Competition Commission of India

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

## The Competition Act

- The Competition Act, 2002, as amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007, follows the philosophy of modern competition laws.
- The Act prohibits **anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates combinations (acquisition, acquiring of control and M&A)**, which causes or likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India.
- The objectives of the Act are sought to be achieved through the CCI, which consists of a **chairperson and 6 members appointed by the Central Government**.
- The Commission is also required to give **opinion on competition issues on a reference received from a statutory authority** established under any law and to **undertake competition advocacy**, create public awareness and impart training on competition issues.

## Objectives of the Commission

- To prevent practices having adverse effects on competition.
- To promote and **sustain competition** in markets.
- To protect the **interests of consumers**.
- To ensure freedom of trade.
- Proactive engagement with all stakeholders, including consumers, industry, government and international

jurisdictions.

- Being a **knowledge intensive organization** with a high competence level.

Over the years, CCI has finely played both **administrative and quasi-judicial roles** to eliminate practices having adverse effects on competition. During the course of gaining stability, CCI has faced many challenges:

- implementation of competition law
- transition in antitrust issues of the current era
- changing business practices to examination of issues involving the digital economy and e-commerce.

It has now become a necessity for CCI to move away from strategies used to examine a conventional business and include parameters of data accessibility, network effects and multi-sided markets for getting a better grip on new age areas like digital economy and e-commerce industry.