GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2353 ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 09TH MARCH, 2018 [PHALGUNA 18, 1939(SAKA)]

CCI ACTION ON ONLINE SEARCH ENGINE

QUESTION

2353. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN: SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently imposed a fine of Rs.136 crore on internet search engine for its unfair business practices in the local market for online research and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said company has paid the fine amount to the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any other companies/corporates/Multi National Companies were also charged/fined by CCI for such unfair business practices in India during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

विधि और न्याय एवं कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) The Competition Commission of India (CCI), vide order dated 31.01.2018 in two cases registered separately namely Matrimony.Com Ltd. v. Google LLP & Ors [No.07/2012] and Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) v. Google LLC & Ors [No.30/2012], has held Google to be dominant in the market for online general search and online search advertising markets. The Commission imposed penalty of Rs.135.86 Crore on Google for anti-competitive behaviour for abuse of dominance.

- (b) & (c) Google was directed by the Commission to deposit the penalty amount within a period of 60 days from the receipt of the order. The order was served upon Google on 08.02.2018.
- (d) No other companies/corporates/Multi-National Companies have been charged/fined by the CCI for such unfair business practices in India during the last three years.
