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The Competition Commission initiates an enquiry into concerns expressed with supply of water tanks/pumps under the "Water Tank Grant Scheme"

The Competition Commission has taken cognizance of information concerning possible coordination on the part of some water tank suppliers under the "Water Tank Grant Scheme" (the Scheme) to request an increase in the grant amount, which currently stands at Rs 15,000 and further, not to entertain any further coupons for supplying their products/services to eligible households under the Scheme.

On account of public interest, the Competition Commission is issuing the present statement to inform that it has launched an enquiry into the matter. The enquiry is a preliminary assessment under the Competition Commission Rules of Procedure 2009. Its purpose is to establish whether there are reasonable grounds to initiate a formal investigation under the Competition Act 2007 (the Act). The opening of an enquiry does not imply that any supplier has infringed the Act. No conclusion has been reached at this stage.

The Competition Commission recognises the difficulties faced by households affected by water shortages and the importance of access to equipment under the Scheme. The matters raised will be assessed carefully, taking account relevant information, market circumstances and representations from the parties concerned against the applicable provisions of the Act.

The Competition Commission exercises its functions independently. Any decision on further action will be based on the evidence and applicable law, with due regard to procedural fairness and the rights of parties concerned.

To preserve the integrity of the enquiry and protect confidential information, the Competition Commission will not comment on the substance of the matters under assessment at this stage. Further information will be communicated in due course, as appropriate.

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