

## **CUTS PROJECT**

### **National Competition Policy & Economic Growth in India (ComPEG)**

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#### **RESEARCH DESIGN MEETING**

##### **Purpose**

The Research Design Meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 09th November, 2012 in Delhi in the presence of CUTS team, External Researchers and members of the Project Advisory Committee. The main purpose of the meeting would be to discuss with the authors of the sector studies (Electricity, Pharmaceuticals and Agriculture & Food), the research methodology and approach that they plan on undertaking towards their respective studies under the project 'National Competition Policy and Economic Growth in India'.

##### **Context**

The complex research phase of the project comprises of two types of key analyses: legal and economic. The legal analysis requires assessing sectoral policies and laws against the touchstone of competition for which a 'Competition Impact Assessment Checklist' has been designed by CUTS. The checklist was not proposed in the project design, but a need which was felt later by the research team at CUTS. The checklist will be introduced to the researchers at the meeting in order to help them undertake their legal analysis.

Further, the economic analysis entails quantification of the benefits of infusing competition in the project sectors. Such an analysis cannot be undertaken without a specific model and other analytical tools which will be thoroughly discussed amongst the researchers in order to arrive at the recommended approach towards this type of analysis.

Hence, as can be clearly seen, the research design meeting will be held with the purpose of finalisation of the tools to undertake research, which is the key component of the project and the results would determine the advocacy strategy as part of the project.

The first drafts of the research papers are due at the end of December, 2012 and therefore the meeting needs to be held no later than early November, 2012 so as to enable researchers to add substantial value to their final outputs by giving them sufficient time to work along the recommended path. Lastly, the meeting would also provide CUTS the opportunity to keep the Members of the PAC involved in the project and seek their valuable guidance.

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