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**Why CCIE imosed a provisional penalty on Google, what are the implications**

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The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a provisional penalty on Google as its investigation into Google’s conduct related to its mobile operating system found violations of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002.

India has become the first country in the world to impose a penalty on a multinationals’s business operations in India. The CCI has found that Google has been using its dominant position in Android operating system to promote its own applications and services, thereby restricting the ability of application developers to use the Android operating system for their own applications and services.

The CCI has imposed a provisional penalty of Rs. 1,600 crores on Google. The CCI has also directed Google to submit a detailed written submission in response to the notice within 30 days from the date of the order.

**The provisional penalty**

The CCI has imposed the provisional penalty of Rs. 1,600 crores on Google under section 59(2) of the Competition Act, 2002. The CCI has calculated the provisional penalty on the basis of the value of Google’s turnover in India for the period from October 2017 to October 2021.

Google has made a number of applications and services available on the Android operating system, such as YouTube, Google Search, Google Play, Google Maps, and Google Chrome. These applications and services are pre-installed on the majority of smartphones sold in India.

According to the CCI, Google has used its dominant position in the Android operating system to promote its own applications and services, thereby restricting the ability of application developers to use the Android operating system for their own applications and services.

**How the case started**

In the CCI’s proceedings, it was stated that Google had used its dominant position in the Android operating system to promote its own applications and services, thereby restricting the ability of application developers to use the Android operating system for their own applications and services.

The CCI had received a complaint from an application developer who had alleged that Google had restricted the availability of its applications and services on the Android operating system.

**Conclusion**

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**Further actions**

The CCI will take into consideration the written submission of Google and may impose a final penalty if it finds that Google has violated the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002.

**Implications of the penalty**

The imposition of a provisional penalty on Google is a significant step in the enforcement of the Competition Act, 2002. This action demonstrates the CCI’s commitment to enforcing the provisions of the Act and ensuring a level playing field for all businesses in the Indian market.

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