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Pradeep S. Mehta

Having had the experience of working with Pradeep S. Mehta and observing him at close quarters over several years, there is no doubt in my mind that he is an excellent candidate for the job of Chairman, Competition Commission of India.

At its helm of affairs, the Competition Commission requires a person who has experienced and grappled with all the varied dimensions of competition as its success will depend much upon the attributes of the head. Pradeep Mehta is eminently qualified in this regard having worked with stakeholders at the grassroots, and contributed to formulating the competition policy at the national level. He has also made significant contributions to the international dialogue on trade issues. Pradeep Mehta is also an institution builder, a quality which is an essential prerequisite for the chairman of the Competition Commission of India, especially the first one.

His research and articles in the leading dailies in India and abroad on the important issues of consumer protection and competition policy have promoted deeper understanding of these issues. In his articles I detect a leaning towards practical and pragmatic approaches for promoting competition and consumer welfare.

It will be not only his analytical abilities and balanced approach but also his proven capacity to build an institution and capability of carrying a variety of views to a common goal which will matter as the leader of a competition agency.

For all these reasons, I recommend Pradeep S. Mehta for appointment as the first Chairman of the Competition Commission of India.

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