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Shri S. L. Bunker
The Secretary
Competition Commission of India
Hindustan Times House
18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi 110001

Dear Sir,

Greetings from CUTS!

Enclosed is a [Preliminary Information Report](#) filed by CUTS regarding Google and its activities in India. As explained therein, India is on the verge of an explosive growth in the Internet and related e-commerce and online advertising markets. CUTS believes that Google can potentially engage in anticompetitive activities to the possible detriment of these markets in India and that therefore such activities in this regard need to be thoroughly investigated by the CCI.

We at CUTS are great admirers of Google and users of its services and do believe it has done great things for the development of search engines worldwide, made the 'Information Age' a practicality where information is delivered at the click of a button, made the world a safer and better place, and has a tremendous record in innovation and producing goods and services which greatly enhance the quality of citizens lives. We do believe that the above great qualities of Google are recognised and appreciated by much of the world and partial recognition of this fact lies in the way the market has rewarded Google which has grown immensely over the years and Google has become a verb. Nevertheless, we do also believe that Google is not the only search engine in the world and that true democracy consists of letting all the citizens on the internet flourish, not just Google. It is for this reason that we do file this report and humbly hope and pray that the Commission does engage in a thorough investigation suo moto into the activities of Google which we hope will be thoroughly absolved of any anticompetitive or other unlawful conduct.

We humbly request that the Commission under Sections 19 of the Competition Act investigate whether Google has undertaken actions which amount to an abuse of dominance in violation of Section 4 of the Competition Act.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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