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Dear Shri Dhanendra Kumar,

As you are no doubt aware by now, most airlines in the country recently resorted to a steep, almost simultaneous hike in their fares/tariffs.

Such a seemingly coordinated and unprecedented hike in tariffs points towards a clear evidence of the existence of a possible cartel and consequent Price Cartelization by the Airlines. If true, this is illegal, and most importantly, represents anti-competitive and anti-consumer actions by these companies.

Given this apparent and overriding evidence of possible cartelization and anti-competitive actions, it becomes incumbent upon the CCI to intervene, investigate and, if appropriate, prosecute these instances of anti-competitive actions by these companies under the CCI Statute – which provides for exactly such circumstances. The CCI is empowered to, and should start a suo-moto investigation and stay any price in the interim till investigations are complete.

For too long, too many instances of abuse of market power and cartelization by companies in various sectors have remained unaddressed – the abuse of consumers going uninvestigated and unpunished. The CCI being the statutory body to ensure true, free and fair competition, must immediately intervene in this instance.

Please consider this letter as my formal complaint to the CCI to commence a comprehensive investigation and appropriate prosecution of all those who attempt to violate consumer interest by distorting competition and price fixation. I am also attaching herewith some relevant press articles on the issue.

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In case the CCI requires any further clarifications from me on this representation, please feel free to contact me and I will clarify the same.

I look forward to your urgent action in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

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