

‘OVER REGULATION MUST BE AVOIDED’ Digital monopolies a risk to free market: FM

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DELAYS IN REGULATORY clearances could lead to uncertainty and disrupt commercial timelines, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman warned on Tuesday. She, however, added that emergence of gatekeeper platforms and cross-border digital monopolies are posing challenges for the free and fair markets. Dealing with such monopolies requires global cooperation and agile regulations, she said.

Speaking at the 16th Annual Day of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) here, the minister also underlined the need to facilitate swift and seamless approvals for combinations that pose little harm to competition.

The CCI is also a regulator of mergers and acquisitions, as it wants to ensure that amalgamation of businesses don't result in excessive market power concentration in the relevant markets. Such eventualities are considered to be potentially inimical to competition and free market. In recent years, the regulator is seen to have given fast-paced approvals for many M&As.

The minister drew attention to the fact that the world is facing multiple challenges with concerns over the tempo

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, FINANCE MINISTER

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of exports amid tepid world trade, as well as over environment, energy and emissions.

Given the increased resort to domestic growth levers in this context, it is vital to strike the right balance of regulation and freedom, she emphasised.

“In addition to the traditional challenges, recent years have also seen emergence of new challenges. Artificial intelligence technologies raise novel questions about market power, transparency, data access, algorithmic biases, and also scope of competitive harm,” she said.

The finance minister said that as India is negotiating free trade agreements (FTAs) with different countries, the nimbleness and the readiness of a regulator is keenly watched by investors. “Whether it is litigation, time consumed in litigation, or when the regulators are less transparent, negotiations can get complicated. It is therefore imperative that the

regulatory frameworks while maintaining rigorous oversight also facilitate swift and seamless approvals for combinations that pose no harm to competition,” she said.

Sitharaman emphasised on the need for CCI to strike a balance between the regulatory vigilance and a pro-growth mindset which will be integral to building a resilient, equitable, and innovation-driven economic framework in India. She said that a light touch regulatory framework can unleash productivity and employment.

“On the one hand, the commission has upheld the sanctity of the law through firm and decisive enforcement actions against anti-competitive practice. On the other, it has shown equal commitment to enabling legitimate business conduct. Thereby encouraging an environment where enterprises can innovate, grow, and compete fairly,” Sitharaman said.

Quality control order on electrical items postponed

THE GOVERNMENT HAS postponed the implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO) on electrical appliances for a year on industry demand.

The demand was made at the stakeholder meet organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The QCO applies to all electrical appliances intended for household, commercial, or similar applications with rated voltage not exceed-

The Safety of Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2025 will not be applicable from 19th March 2026, according to a statement by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The QCO applies to all electrical appliances intended for household, commercial, or similar applications with rated voltage not exceed-

ing 250V for single-phase appliances and 480V for others, including DC-supplied and battery-operated appliances.

The QCO also gives additional time of six months to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs); and a 3-month extension for small enterprises. Exemption for imports by domestic maker for producing export-oriented products has also been provided.

—FE BUREAU

No increase in food inflation likely: food secy

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New Delhi, May 20

EVEN AS FOOD inflation is at a multi-year-low level, the government does not foresee any spike in prices of agricultural commodities over the next few months, food secretary Sanjeev Chopra said on Tuesday.

“With bumper production of wheat and rice, from the point of food inflation, I do not see any concern. We are expecting a much better crop next year,” Chopra told FE. This augurs well for the monetary easing cycle that is currently under way. Though subdued prices could adversely affect farmers, robust procurement at minimum support prices could come to their aid.

Retail food inflation



dropped to a 42nd month low to 1.78% in April 2025 on year, as prices of vegetables, pulses, meat, fish and spices declined with the arrival of crop.

However, the rise in global prices pushed up prices of mustard oil and refined oil to 19.6% and 23.75% respectively last month as the country imports about 58% of its edible oil consumption.

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AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors of Aster DM Healthcare Limited (“the Company”) at its meeting held on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, has approved the audited standalone and consolidated financial results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2025, which has been audited by Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Statutory Auditors of the Company, in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The financial results along with the reports of the statutory auditors thereon are available on <https://www.asterdmhealthcare.in/investors/financial-information/quarterly-reports> and can also be accessed by scanning a Quick Response Code given below:



In case there are any questions on the above disclosure, please reach out to us at cs@asterdmhealthcare.in

For Aster DM Healthcare Limited
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Date: May 20, 2025

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Key Financial indicators are given below for general information purpose only

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31 Mar 2025	31 Dec 2024	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2024
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Revenue from operations	27,735.23	27,007.58	29,864.78	1,10,703.86
2	EBITDA	6,127.73	5,248.69	6,668.52	24,867.58
3	Profit/(loss) before tax	3,617.82	2,815.85	4,641.39	15,537.79
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period	2,611.65	2,097.46	3,388.86	11,518.08
5	Earnings Per Share (EPS) of face value of Rs. 1/- each (not annualised)-restated-Basic and Diluted	2.99	2.40	3.88	13.20

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 20th May, 2025, approved the Standalone Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Financial Year ended 31st March, 2025.

The full Audited Financial Results alongwith the Auditors Report are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The Results have been posted at the website of the Company at <https://www.kquantumpapers.com/financial-information/> and can be accessed by scanning given QR code.

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