

# CCI Approves 100% Acquisition of Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited | Chhattisgarh | 27 Mar 2024

#### Why in News?

Recently, the <u>Competition Commission of India (CCI)</u> has approved 100% acquisition of **Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited** by Adani Power Limited.

#### **Key Points**

- The Adani Power Limited (Acquirer), a part of the Adani Group, is a company incorporated under the laws of India.
  - It is engaged in the business of <u>thermal power</u> generation in India.
  - It operates its thermal power plants across multiple states in India, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.
  - Adani group is a global integrated infrastructure player with businesses in key industry verticals **resources, logistics and energy.**
- The Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited (Target), a part of the Lanco Group, is engaged in the business of thermal power generation in India.
  - It is currently undergoing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).
  - The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100% equity share capital of the Target by the Acquirer.

## **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

- It is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002, it was duly constituted in March 2009.
- The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (MRTP Act) was repealed and replaced by the Competition Act, 2002, on the recommendations of the Raghavan committee.

## Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

- It is considered as one of the biggest insolvency reforms in the economic history of India.
- This was enacted for reorganization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, partnership firms and individuals in a time bound manner for maximization of the value of assets of such persons.

## **Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)**

- The CIRP in India, governed by IBC, is a time-bound process aimed at resolving the financial distress of a corporate debtor while maximizing the value of its assets.
- The primary objective of the procedure is to ensure the revival of a financially distressed company.
- And in cases where the revival of the company is not possible it ensures an orderly liquidation of the assets of the distressed company that has been declared as a corporate debtor.

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