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**Breastfeeding
Promotion Network of India**

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To,
Ms. Preeti Sudan
Secretary
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India
Delhi -110011

Sub: Violation of Section 9(2) "Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003" (IMS Act) by Nestle's Nestle Health Science.

Dear Ms. Sudan,

India enacted the "Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003" (IMS Act) which came into force on August 1993. An offence committed under the law is cognizable.

The Government of India notified "Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI)"wide No G.S.R. 540 (E), dated the 27th June 1994, to monitor the compliance with the above Act.

As per the section 9(2) of the IMS Act, "No producer, supplier or distributor referred to in sub-section (1), shall offer or give any contribution or pecuniary benefit to a health worker or any association of health workers, including funding of seminar, meeting, conference, educational course, contest, fellowship, research work or sponsorship".

I wish to inform you that recently Nestle, a company which comes under the purview of the IMS Act, has sponsored the 11th Apollo International Clinical Nutrition update 2019 (21-22 September 2019) at Indore.

Perusal of the pictures at the 11th Apollo International Clinical Nutrition update 2019 (21-22 September 2019, copy attached) at Indore shows clearly the event is supported by Nestle's "Nestle Health Science".

Our information shows that, Nestle had earlier in 2018 supported "Apollo Clinical Nutrition update 2018" at Chennai.

We request you to initiate urgent action for effective enforcement of the IMS Act and initiate appropriate action against Nestle Health Science, Apollo Hospital through respective state government.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Arun Gupta
Central Coordinator BPNI

Cc: Ms Vandana Gurnani, Joint Secretary, MOHFW.

As a policy, BPNI does not accept funds of any kind from the companies manufacturing baby foods, feeding bottles etc. and from organization/industry having conflicts of interest.

