



**Breastfeeding
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To,
Shri Satyendar Jain
Health Minister
Health and Family Welfare Department
Government of NCT of Delhi
9th Level, A-Wing, IP Extension
Delhi Secretariat
Delhi - 110002

Sub: Request for your urgent intervention to address violation of the IMS Act by Abbott Nutrition.

Dear Sh. Jain,

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)" vide 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".

May I bring into your notice a blatant attempt to violate the IMS Act by Abbott Nutrition. A CME programme is being organized by Abbott Nutrition on 30.1.2020 at 9.32 PM, at Grills & platters, A-3, Pamposh Enclave, Main, Outer Ring Rd, Greater Kailash I, New Delhi, Delhi 110048. The topic of the CME is "Closing in on mother's milk". Dr. Ashok Chakarvarty is the speaker on this programme.

BPNI has received this information through whatsapp messenger and we have confirmed with the venue Grills & Platters about the same.

We request you to initiate action against the offending company and urgently direct to cancel the programme in the larger interest of our women and children.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Arun Gupta
Central Coordinator BPNI

Copy to: Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Dr. Ashok Deorari, President, National Neonatology Forum (NNF)
Dr. Arun Gupta, President, Delhi Medical Council
Dr. Smita Mishra, Secretary, Indian Academy of Pediatrics (Delhi)

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 conflict of interest.