

Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India

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Shri. Rajesh Bhushan Secretary Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

Respected Sir,

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.

Please find attached an anonymous letter, BPNI has received, which points to violation of the IMS Act and names certain doctors involved in this.

The letter is copied to the presidents of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and National Neonatology Forum (NNF), as well as Karnataka Medical Council.

Since the actions reported in it appear to be in violation of the IMS Act, this matter calls for investigation.

We request your office to kindly launch an investigation in this matter of violation of the IMS Act.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Arun Gupta

Central Coordinator, BPNI

Cc: President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP)
President, National Neonatology Forum (NNF)
President, Karnataka Medical Council

Encl: a/a.