

BPNI/IMS Act/2024/40

March 19, 2024

Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar
Hon'ble Minister of State, MoHFW,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
via email: mos-health@gov.in

Sub: Illegal Activity and Sale of Neolacta

Dear Dr. Pawar,

Please refer to the letter number T -13011/1/2022 -DCC-Part 4 dated and signed 21-09-2022 from your office.

1. It had indicated that the State Licensing Authority of Karnataka has cancelled the licence AUS-993 of Neolacta Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd. in response to our letter sent on 03-09-2022 regarding the same.
2. You may be aware that after this cancellation order the said company filed a Writ Petition WP 19352/2022 in the Karnataka High Court on 22-09-2022.
3. On 27-9-2022 Hon'ble Justice granted interim Stay, copy of the order is pasted.
*"Learned AGA is requested to accept notice for respondent Nos.1 & 2.
Issue emergent notice to respondent No.3.
Interim order as prayed for till next date of hearing. This interim protection has been granted since apparently, it is a prima facie case of 'acting under dictation' subject to the version of the other side after filing of their objections. It is open to the respondents to move the matter at any time."*
4. It is widely reported from all over the country that the Neolacta company is selling its products freely in the same manner continuing the exploitation of poor women.
5. It is with this background, we approach you once again to look into this matter with utmost priority and intervene at the High Court with Government of India's objections to vacate the stay as the case is open to move the matter anytime. Delay would defeat the purpose of earlier decisions.

We are pleased to enclose a statement of the National Neonatology Forum condemning in no uncertain words commercialisation of human milk or its products.

We, therefore, request for an urgent intervention of the Ministry of Ayush in order to achieve finality to the Writ Petition.

Thank you in advance for the necessary action.

With regards,

Sincerely,



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To,

The Health Secretary,
Govt. of India

Sub: "Statement Condemning Human Milk Commercialization"

The National Neonatology Forum is a professional organization committed to the welfare of newborns and their mothers. We as a body are deeply concerned by the recent trend to commercialize human milk by some companies. We strongly condemn any attempt, overtly or covertly, to commercialize human milk or its products. It is our earnest request to the Government of India and the concerned departments to take appropriate steps to prevent the sale of human milk and its products, and protect the rights of the newborn infants and their lactating mothers".

Yours sincerely,

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