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Dear Mr Sorabjee,

Thank you very much for your letter of August 9, 2003. I am really grateful to you for your words of encouragement. As you may have heard, PepsiCo had filed a writ in the High Court but decided not to press charges against CSE as far as the gag order was concerned. The Coca-Cola was asked to withdraw its petition in the Supreme Court. But we do expect that these companies will continue with their legal attempts.

It is also very unfortunate that this issue has become a rather simplistic debate of CSE vs the Cola companies whereas the issue to look at regulations for food industry. In this case, it is very evident that we have no regulations for the quality of water that is used in bottling soft drinks and the pesticide content is not stipulated in the final product. The long-term and very serious health implications are evident.

I would very much like to discuss this matter with you on your return from Geneva and will be very grateful to you for your help.

With my very best wishes,

Yours cordially,

SUNITA NARAIN

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