‘Poison vs Nutrition’
South Asian Media Briefing Workshop on
Food Safety and Pesticide Contamination

Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi
Date: August 4-5, 2004
Venue: Jacaranda 2, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Day 1: August 4, 2004

9.30-10.00: Registration and introduction of participants

10.00-11.15: Session 1: Setting the Agenda
The JPC Report on Pesticide Residues and Safety Standards
for Soft Drinks, Fruit Juice and Other Beverages
Speaker: Sunita Narain, Director, CSE

11.15-11.30: TEA BREAK

11.30-1.00: Session 2: Standards for soft drinks
Chair: Labanneydu Mansingh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Food
and Public Distribution, Ministry of Food Processing and Public
Distribution
Presentation on background issues: Chandrabhushan,
Associate Director, CSE
Presentation by panelists:
R. Desikan, Trustee, Consumers Association of India
Bejon Mishra, Chairman, Consumer Coordination Council

1.00-2.00: LUNCH

2.00-3.00: Session 3: Regulating food safety
Speaker: Sunita Narain, Director, CSE

3.00-4.00: Session 3a: Regulations for pesticides and implications for
health and international trade
Chair: Sanjay Nirupam, Member of Parliament and Member of the
Joint Parliamentary Committee
Presentation by panelists:
Ashish Bahuguna, Joint Secretary (plant protection), Ministry of
Agriculture
Sanjay Parikh, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court
Jacob George, Professor & Head, Faculty of Economics and
Development Planning
Dr Anupam Schedeva, Consultant Pediatrician, Sir Ganga Ram
Hospital

4.00-4.30: TEA BREAK
4.30-6.00: **Session 4: Legislating for safe and clean drinking water**  
*Chair:* Nilotpal Basu, Member of Parliament  
*Presentation on background issues:* Sunita Narain, Director, CSE  
*Presentation by panelists:*  
Usha Raghupati, Associate Professor, National Institute of Urban Affairs  
P.K. Tripathi, Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board

**DAY 2: August 5, 2004**

9.00-11.00: **Session 5: Regulating the use of water in soft drink industry**  
*Speaker:* Chandrabhushan, Associate Director, CSE  
*Chair:* Veerendrakumar, Member of Parliament  
*Panelists:*  
D K Chaddha, Former Chairman, Central Ground Water Board  
Videh Upadhyay, Partner, Enviro Legal Defence Firm

11.00-11.30: **TEA BREAK**

11.30-2.00: **Session 6: Regulating against obesity: the health challenges and need for regulations on labeling and advertising**  
*Speaker:* Sunita Narain, Director, CSE  
*Chair:* Anil Basu, Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee  
*Panelists:*  
Dr Umesh Kapil, Professor, Public Health Nutrition, All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
Dr Anoop Misra, Professor, Medicines, All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
Dr Nikhil Tandon, Endocrinologist, All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
P.K. Bandhopadyay, media consultant  
Bejon Misra, Chairman, Consumer Coordination Council  
Prashant Bhushan, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

2.00-3.00: **LUNCH**