

**'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:** *Labanyendu 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:** Nilotpai 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