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## **CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT**

att. Ms. S. Narain  
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Dear Ms. S. Narain,

We write with reference to the report recently released by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) alleging unsafe levels of pesticide residues in soft drinks based on alleged findings of pesticides in samples of soft drinks.

We are completely confident in the safety of our soft drinks in India because they are produced to a high level of purity, complying with stringent criteria.

Given our longstanding commitment to safety, we are deeply concerned by the report. We take the allegations very seriously, and we recognize and respect CSE's concern for public health and safety. However, based on our ongoing analysis, employing independent outside experts and the most advanced Indian and international laboratories, we respectfully disagree with CSE's findings and conclusions.

But as we indeed share your concern for pesticides in foods and beverages we believe that it would be productive if we meet to share and discuss results and test methods. We are also prepared to discuss what we might be able to do together to address the larger issue of pesticides in the Indian food supply and how we together might further engage with the Ministry of Health, Government of India to develop and finalize criteria for pesticide residues and the associated validated testing methodologies. We also agree with your statement recently in the press, that banning is not the right way to secure better standards and test protocols.

Kindly indicate your convenience for a meeting. With your agreement, we would be happy to arrange for the experts from the Central Science Laboratory in UK to participate in the meeting, share their knowledge and discuss testing for pesticide residues.

Yours Respectfully

