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Dear Shri Bahuguna:

It was a pleasure to attend the inter-ministerial meeting with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) during my visit to Delhi. I appreciated learning more about the recent progress of the Large Scale Food Fortification in India.

FSSAI's role in moving India through the coordinated mechanism of work around large-scale food fortification, as led by the government at national and state levels, with the support of technical partners and participation by industry, is vital to addressing the huge burden of micronutrient deficiencies in India.

Releasing comprehensive guidelines on large-scale fortification for all major commodities is very exciting, and the foundation remains committed to supporting you in these important efforts.

Again, thank you for inviting me to attend the meeting—it was very informative.

Sincerely,

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*Dear Mr. Gates,*


Thank you for your letter dated December 1, 2016, reaffirming the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for our work on fortification of food.

Your participation in the inter-ministerial meeting held in Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has galvanised the Government into developing a cohesive strategy in consultation with various stakeholders, including State Governments, nutritionists and other health professionals, advocacy groups and industry, for reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of society through fortified food to address the burden of micronutrient deficiencies.

We continue to look forward your inspiration, guidance and support to further our objectives in addressing the challenge of micronutrient deficiency in India.

*With warm regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
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