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Dear Mia,

Excuse the long delay in replying to
your letter PEHA PP-2(6) dated 7th June '81.

We are very interested in promoting
"Cultivation of Medicinal Plants by Women"
In fact, tentatively, we have planned already
meetings with women, during the coming 2 years,
on management of common illnesses with
plants available around the village. Of course
the availability is limited. Hence DST's
programme is very timely.

What do we have to do in order
to avail of DST's programme? We think
that if the women are able to raise seedlings
in nurseries during the months March to May '92
and if they are paid wages for digging pits
on waste-lands - in their own fields - where
nothing else grows, then planting in the pits
could start in the next monsoon.

I am planning to take time off
for studies on plants & their medicinal uses
from September onwards - but will keep
touch with Nardurbar if DST programme gets
approved.

I am looking forward to hearing from you
regarding this proposal - with further details.

Thanks a million for having informed
me about it.

Love,

Maria