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**SUBJECTS :**

1. Department of Science & Technology (GOI) project on **Involvement of Women in Indigenous Health Practices and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants.**
2. **Invitation for a Workshop** on 14th October 1991 to only those organisations who submit project proposals to DST by the 20th of September 1991.

Dear Sir/Madam,

DST invites project proposals on the above subject from NGOs and S & T institutes for funding. I am writing to you in my capacity as honorary co-ordinator of the project for Western India.

The main objectives of this project are :

1. Strengthening traditional health delivery systems in rural areas based on medicinal plants and involvement of local women.
2. Documentation and Evaluation of local health traditions with emphasis on Mother & Child Care and Common Ailments.
3. Promote cultivation and growing of medicinal plants (Nursery, Backyard Herbal Gardens, Agro-forestry Systems, etc.) and small scale processing of herbal medicines for generating income and employment to rural women.
4. Popularising reliable traditional health practices for self-reliance of rural households.

DST would like to receive Project Proposals from interested and competent groups in Western India (Maharashtra, Gujarat & Goa). I am herewith sending you the Format and Guidelines for preparing the Proposals. Please make 20 copies of the proposal and send them to :

Dr. Shashi Ahuja  
Senior Scientific Officer  
Department of Science & Technology  
Ministry of Science & Technology  
Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road  
New Delhi 110 016

so as to reach her by the 20th of September 1991 with one copy to me at the address given above.

## INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP FOR SCREENING PROJECT PROPOSALS

DST will be conducting a one day workshop to screen the project proposals it receives. During this workshop, DST representatives will explain the background of the Project and will clarify any doubts that the participants may have. In turn, the Participants will have an opportunity to explain the salient features of the Project proposed by them.

It is advised that **only one representative per organisation**, either the Project Investigator or Co-Investigator, should attend the workshop.

The details of the workshop are as given below :

**DATE** : 14 th October, 1991  
**VENUE** : Academy of Development Science (ADS)  
Kashele, Karjat Taluka, District Raigad  
Maharashtra 410 201.

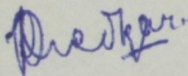
**For Reaching ADS:** Karjat lies midway between Pune and Bombay. If you are coming by train from Pune or Bombay, get down at Karjat Railway Station and take a S.T Bus to Kashele Village. ADS Campus is 2 Kms walk from Kashele Village.

DST will meet your to & fro II Class Train or Bus expenses and will take care of local hospitality.

Please write to me at the above address in case you have any doubts. I request you also to inform me if you intend to prepare a proposal and thus participate in the workshop, so that I can make arrangements for your food, stay, etc.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



(Rajeev Khedkar)

### **Please Note :**

1. Only those who have sent 20 copies of the proposal to DST by the 20th of September are expected to attend this meeting.
2. Please feel free to pass on this information about the scheme (along with the Guidelines and Format) and this letter to any interested group/s you know so that they can also write to DST in this connection.
3. Only one person per organisation (either the Investigator or Co-investigator) should attend.
4. Remember that the chief beneficiaries of this project should be **WOMEN**