



## VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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Dearest Marie,


It has been ages since I wrote to you. This was regarding DST's programme on promoting involvement of women in the cultivation of medicinal plants and indigenous health practices. You must be already in touch with Darshan Shankar. Do you remember the concerns we were trying to express at the Kaladdi?

I sincerely feel there is a need for those concerned about trying to evolve rational approaches to health care with appropriate use of the different various systems to sit together. I feel sometimes nervous when I see the absolutely vertical approaches to the various systems. I feel in a highly IDD endemic area iodized salt has to be discussed unless there is an alternative management of snake bite has to be discussed, misuse of irrational and hazardous drugs and injections has to be dealt with to warm the community and some of the very rich concepts of traditional medicine must be incorporated whenever Community Health is concerned. This lack of dialogue preparation of appropriate usage is bothering me increasingly.

The reason I am writing this to ask you whether you are interested in taking up a DST project on cultivation of medicinal plants is because I happen to be on the DST Task Force and one of the two Coordinators for the northern region. Western region Coordinator is Rajeev Khedhar from ADS. At some stage western region workshops will be organised for this find out details about it.

You were one of the most serious workers of tribal medicine and I know how difficult it was for you to convince others in MFC sometimes. I am sure you are keeping in touch with Dr. Sudershan,

"Take care of yourself,"  
with Love

  
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3 villages only

Parabolic Aspects

- Prepare seedlings

- ① - Panchayat land for Herbal Garden Digging planting
- ② - Waste land of family for Medicinal plants "Maintenance" 2 years  
Majority the green
- ③ - Prepare video on medicinal plants.
- ④ - Posters on Medicinal plants, Wall papers.
- ⑤ - ~~Literature~~ Gathering raw material + preparing for sale in neighbouring villages
- ⑥ "Training & Programmes of women"

Take care of yourself,  
with love  
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