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Mrs. Savitri Nigam

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July 5, 1977.

My dear Mildred,

As you are aware, the Indian Housewives Federation, which is a registered body and which has been working for the welfare, enlightenment and safeguarding the interest of the housewives since the last eight years, has taken up various activities. It works through small clubs. 5 units of 25 members form a club and 5 clubs form a chapter. Thus, we are aiming at reaching a majority of the educated and semi-educated housewives. While we are looking after the interests of the very poor and uneducated housewives, we are also preparing the housewives, who are more educated and enlightened, to serve them. We have taken up a project to open a creche where the children of the working women labourers will be looked after for the whole day and they will be fed with nutritious food like milk, porridge and biscuits. We have already surveyed Basant Gaon. We have got a place and a group of social workers to work only for a nominal honorarium. Three of these women are Montessori-trained. But due to paucity of funds, we have not been able to take it.

We have another project which we will take up during the course of the International Child Year in 1979. This project has been aimed at looking after unmarried and unprotected pregnant mothers. Most of such ladies die at the time of delivery or if they survive their children are so anemic that they get many diseases like rickets. We are going to select 50 such women in Delhi and look after them by giving them a card which will enable them to get medical check-ups, free milk supply and other nutritious foods prescribed by the doctors.

We would like to know whether such schemes would get any help from the IWY Tribune Follow-up Project Section. We have got committed enthusiastic workers who are ready to serve the lesser fortunate children and women.

If you have got any other scheme which fits in with your own pattern, please let us know. We will be very glad to take it up and implement it efficiently.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Savitri Nigam
Mrs. Savitri Nigam