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Dear Friends,

Many of us have been concerned with the government policies regarding development, which are detrimental to the cause of employment in general and women's employment in particular. They not only affect employment but also cause damage to environment and further accelerate a process of inequality and divisions which are inherited from the past. It also creates atmosphere which breeds distortions in cultural practices, which affect women particularly. Within the feminist movement all over the world and within India, a trend has emerged which would like to understand these processes and would develop an alternative perspective for development policies. Development Alternatives for Women's New Era (DAWN) has been one such effort. The document was formulated by feminists from ten third world countries and presented at Nairobi, in the conference which marked the end of Women's Decade. I feel that many of us in Maharashtra would find this document quite relevant in the context of development trend in Maharashtra. I am sending you herewith a short introduction in Marathi, which I wrote for 'Stree' a special issue for Women's Decade in 1985. I am also adapting an original 100 pages book, in Marathi, which will elaborate this perspective further. There are further attempts to

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concretize some of the concerns expressed in this document through research. These papers too are available with me. What I plan is that to invite a small workshop of activists particularly from the women's movement and a few intellectuals, (economists, social scientists etc.) and thrash out some of these ideas, issues to reach comprehensive understanding of what kind of development model we should support. This will help us for organising informal sector workers and also to set up income generative activities which are congruent with this new perspective. Our understanding on the health issues too will be sharper.

The workshop will be primarily conducted in Marathi. The list of participants I have in mind is attached herewith. I cannot exceed it, since the accommodation at TISS does not permit. Also I feel discussions will not be possible with a bigger group. Even then, you can suggest a few names, and I would explore the possibilities of accommodating them. Please remember, it is not an invitation for the organisation. This is a personal invitation. Once you reply positively, I would start further communications, such as the format and timetable for the discussions and the mailing of necessary papers.

The dates proposed are 1st to 3rd July. Venue is Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Bombay - 88. The hostel and conference hall facilities will be provided.

The workshop will be sponsored by Women's Studies Unit.
Awaiting your early confirmation.

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The list of participants for DAWN workshop

Proposed dates 1st July - 3rd July 1989

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Mr. Ramesh Padhye	Mr. Ashutosh Dharmadhikari
Ms. Amol Dighe	Mr. Ram Bapat
Ms. Meena Deval	Mr. Madhusudan Sathe
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