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To,

Lady Premlila V. Thackersey,  
Chairman, Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust,  
Kasturbagram, Distt. Indore, M.P.

Dear Lady Thackersey,

*The Trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust were pleased to appoint this Committee to review the past 15 years' national service of the Trust and to suggest future plans of work. It is a proud privilege to be associated with the work and be of some service to the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, founded by the people of India under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi. We are happy to submit today the Report embodying our recommendations based on the information supplied by the Provincial Pratinidhis and the Central Office of the Trust and our investigations during our tours.*

*In the course of our review we felt that though the Trust Deed and organisational matters arising out of it do not form part of our terms of reference, we should in the light of the changed circumstances suggest liberal interpretation of the main objects of the Trust.*

*With the formation of the Social Welfare Board and C. D. Projects the major part of the Kasturba work in the rural areas have been recognised and taken up by them. The Trust in view of its objectives of serving the lowliest and the lost amongst women and children, should turn its attention to the poorest in the urban areas also.*

*We have also emphasised that the Trust, instead of duplicating the activities of the C. S. W. B. and C. D. Project should work to bring about a social revolution in the rural areas by Shanti Sena and Gramswarai movements.*

*India of 1962 is very different from India of 1945. There are the new challenges and new demands. Therefore, it is natural, that the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust which played a vital role in developing women leadership, revises its programme of training and work.*

*Based on the experiences of the creditable service done by the Trust during the last 15 years, the Committee has suggested a programme of training and work to suit the present national conditions stressing the need to develop the Adivasi areas and very backward pockets in even well developed states and also laying greater emphasis on economic programme and on national integration.*

*On behalf of the members of the Assessment Committee and myself I would like to thank you and the Trustees for giving us this opportunity. It has proved instructive and educative to us. We also thank the staff of the Trust and numerous friends and co-workers who helped us unreservedly.*

*Pujya Kasturba was the symbol of Indian womanhood. She showed the way how with a will and dedication, an illiterate village woman can participate in the struggle for Independence and serve the people standing shoulder to shoulder with the tallest of men. We have every hope that, like her, Indian women will face to the challenge of creating a classless and casteless society. The fond memory of Pujya Kasturba will be the guiding star and inspire the woman march steadily towards this goal.*

T. S. SOUNDRAM RAMACHANDRAN

24th October, 1962.

Chairman

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