LETTER SENT TO VARIOUS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENTS

To
  The Head of the Department
  Department of_____

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Sir/Madam,

I am a Ph.D. student and am working on the construction and standardisation of a test to identify creative children in the age range of 13-16 years. Very little work has been done in India on this subject. The result has been that creative children are not detected and nurtured either in schools or even after. I have, therefore, decided to work on this problem and do it essentially from an Indian point of view. A step in this direction is to contact creative people from different fields in the country and know from them as to what they understand by creativity. You are one of the persons who has been named not only as creative but also as one under whose fostering care many students have thrived and who is also in close touch with creative persons. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could help me by sending names and addresses of some of them. I request you kindly to prepare the list on the basis of your own concept of creativity. However, for the sake of information, I am sending you a few of the criteria, as developed by foreign thinkers, for detecting creative people. You may, if you so desire, make use of them.

A creative person is one who has :-

(1) published something <u>original</u>.

(2) written but not published something <u>original</u>.

(3) produced <u>original</u> oral or visual presentation.

(4) given out new <u>idea/ideas</u>.

(5) Brought out <u>new</u> products.

(6) brought out new designs (Science & Technology).

(7) any other.

The list of creative persons however, long or small, has to be restricted to Indians who are living.

I know you are a very busy person and your time is valuable but I am equally sure that you share with me the need to do something in the direction of identifying really creative children. May I then hope that you will find some time for helping me ?

With due regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Bimla Kaul)