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Ms Akanksha Chaurey's experience in the field of promotion and use of renewable energy for sustainable development is spread over 22 years. Her area of expertise is distributed generation and rural electrification. She began her career with TERI in September 1987 and was involved in projects related to technology and market assessment of renewables, particularly that of solar Photovoltaic (SPV) technology. Having worked with TERI for over 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, she joined Sairam Solar, a company designing, integrating, and installing solar and wind energy systems for decentralized applications. Subsequently, she spent two years as a renewable energy consultant working specifically on the commercialization of these technologies. In July 1999, she joined TERI again and is now working as Director, Decentralized Electricity Solutions Division, responsible for the research in the area of distributed generation dealing with technological, policy related, regulatory, and financing aspects. She is also the group leader of the "Lighting a Billion Lives" initiative of TERI. She holds a Masters of Science degree in Physics and Masters in Technology in Metallurgical Engineering, both from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. She has recently submitted her PhD thesis on "Assessment and evaluation of Photovoltaic systems for rural lighting in India" to the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and is awaiting a final award of the degree. She has over 25 technical publications in journals and conference proceedings and several research reports to her credit.