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Earlier in her career, Ms Muttreja worked with UNDP as Advisor to the Country Representative. In Cambridge, Massachusetts she directed an environmental program concerned with orienting policy makers from developing countries on issues of development, environment and poverty. She has taught courses on social action and human development at Hampshire College in Maine and Earlham College in Indiana. As the Founder Director of the Ashoka Foundation (India), Dastkar, and SRUTI (Society for Rural, Urban and Tribal Initiatives), Ms. Muttreja has made an active contribution to the NGO sector in India. She associated with several national and international organizations in the capacity of a member of the governing board and advisory council.

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