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List of Abbreviations

ABPTA All Bengal Primary Teachers Association

AIKS All India Krishak Sabha
APL Above the Poverty Line
BDO Block Development Office
BJP Bharatiya Janata Party
BPL Below the Poverty Line
CPI Communist Party of India

CPI(M) Communist Party of India (Marxist)

DM District Magistrate

DVC Damodar Valley Corporation

DYFI Democratic Youth Federation of India

EAA Estate Acquisition Act

FB Forward Block GC General Caste

GoWB Government of West Bengal

ha Hectare

HYV High-yielding Variety

ICDS Integrated Child Development Scheme
IRDP Integrated Rural Development Programme

JDP Jharkhand Disam Party

km Kilometres

LRA Land Reform Act

MLA Member of Legislative Assembly
MTA Mother–Teacher Association
NGOs Non-governmental Organizations

NREGA National Rural Employment Guarantee Act NREP National Rural Employment Programme

NSSO National Sample Survey Office

OBC Other Backward Castes
PRIs Panchayati Raj Institutions
RSP Revolutionary Socialist Party



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SALC Save Agricultural Land Committee

SC Scheduled Caste

SCP Special Component Programme

SDP State Domestic Product SEZs Special Economic Zones

SHG Self Help Group

SIPRD State Institute of Panchayats and Rural Development

SSA Sarva Siksha Abhiyan ST Scheduled Tribe STWs Shallow Tube Wells

SUCI Socialist Unity Centre of India

TMC Trinamul Congress
TSP Tribal Sub-plan
UC Utilization Certificate

UEE Universal Elementary Education
VDC Village Development Committee
VEC Village Education Committee
WEMs Water-extracting Machines

WIDER World Institute for Development of Economics

and Research



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