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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BDO	:	Block Development Officer
DAH	:	Director of Animal Husbandary
DAP	:	Di-Ammonium Phosphate
DC	:	District Collector/Deputy Commissioner
DDP	:	Desert Development Programme
DFCSO	:	District Food and Civil Supply Officer
DGSD	:	Director General of Supplies and Disposals
DLO	:	District Level Officer
DPAP	:	Drought Prone Area Programme
EGS	:	Employment Guarantee Scheme
FCI	:	Food Corporation of India
FPS	:	Fair Price Shop
GOI	:	Government of India
HDPE	:	High Density Poly Ethylene
HSEB	:	Haryana State Electricity Board
ICDS	:	Integrated Child Development Services
IGNP	:	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project
IRDP	:	Integrated Rural Development Programme
ITDP	:	Intensive Tribal Development Project
LGPD	:	Lakh Gallon Per Day
MBO	:	Management By Objective
MLA	:	Member of Legislative Assembly
MM	:	Millimetre
MMB	:	Mate Measurement Book
MP	:	Member of Parliament
MSTCDC	:	Maharashtra State Tribal Cooperative Development Corporation
NABARD	:	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.
NGO	:	Non-Government Organization
NREP	:	National Rural Employment Programme
PDS	:	Public Distribution System
PWD(B&R)	:	Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads)
RLEGP	:	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme
Rs.	:	Rupees
RTO	:	Regional Transport Officer
SC/ST	:	Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe
SDO	:	Sub-Divisional Officer
SDO(C)	:	Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil)
SNP	:	Supplementary Nutrition Programme
TADP	:	Tribal Area Development Programme
T&P	:	Tools and Plants
WBNP	:	Wheat Based Nutrition Programme

GLOSSARY

abadi	inhabited area usually in a village
adidravidar	oldest inhabitants in southern India
agave	afibrous plant whose fibre is used for rope making. Agave contala Roxb and Agave veracruz Mill. Also known as sisal.
annawari	a system of standardising and classifying land or production of crops. The standard is fixed at one rupee which in earlier Indian coinage consisted of sixteen annas . The variations in the quality of land or production are expressed in terms of annas (if paisevari)
anganwadis	literally a courtyard area, a place where pre-school children and nursing and expectant mothers are gathered for nutrition, pre-school education and health services under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.
anicut(s)	water impounding structure(s)
arkal	a variety of pea, Pisum Sativum , extensively grown in Himachal Pradesh.
atta	wheat flour
bajra	pearl millet, Pennisetum Typhoidum L.
beldar(s)	labourer(s) usually employed by Agriculture Department or Public Works Department (PWD).
block	the basic unit of development planning and administration under India's Community Development Programme started on 2 October 1952.
budki(es)	shallow dug well(s) in Maharashtra
bundhara(s)	water diversion structure(s) Maharashtra
bund(s)	low ridge(s) of soil built along field contours
bhusa	wheat straw used as fodder
Collector(s)	head(s) of revenue administration at district level
crore	unit of counting equivalent to ten million or one hundred lakh (q.v.)
dal(s)	pulse(s)
delta	the triangular alluvial land at the mouth of a river
devasthanam	literally the abode of God, the sanctum sanctorum , the temple trust administration in southern part's of India.
dhani(es)	village hamlet(s) in Rajasthan
gaushala(s)	literally a house for cows, a place where destitute cattle are tended
ghat(s)	bank(s) of a river or a tank or a pond usually used for bathing
girdawari	book of field inspection maintained by a patwari (q.v.) in which he records, among other things, yields of crops based on eye-estimated during kharif (q.v.) and rabi (q.v.) seasons.
gram panchayat	village panchayat (q.v.)
gram sewak	village level (extension) worker
gur	jaggery or unrefined sugar
harijans	literally children of God, the untouchable castes of earlier times who now belong to the scheduled castes of India
hat	village market
janpad	a territorial administrative unit usually a district or zila (q.v.) in Madhya Pradesh, a block (q.v.)
janpad panchayat	block (q.v.) level panchayat (q.v.) in Madhya Pradesh
janpad adhyakshas	chief of janpad panchayat in Madhya Pradesh

jeewan dhara	literally life stream, the million well scheme launched by the Government of India in 1988-89 for weaker sections for digging wells in their fields with financial support from the Government
jhoola ghar	literally house of swings, the place housing cradles for looking after infants at work sites
jowar	great millet or sorghum, andropogon Sorghum Brot. , Sorghum Vulgare Pers.
kandi	foot-hills of the Siwaliks in Punjab
khadi	cloth made out of hand-spun yarn
khads	small streams usually originating from hills in Himachal Pradesh
kharif	the south-westerly monsoon cropping season, notably in northern India, from July to October. The kharif crops include rice, sorghum (kharif), bajra , maize, ragi , groundnut and cotton.
khatedari	statutory revenue rights of tenants in Rajasthan enabling them to mortgage and sell their land
khadin	water impounding structure, notably in Rajasthan
keni(es)	common implement(s) in Maharashtra used for formation of bunds (q.v.) and levelling of land.
khul(s)	minor irrigation structure(s), notably in Rajasthan
konkan	coastal area of Maharashtra
kutchra	loosely built temporary struture (cf. pucca)
lakh	unit of counting equivalent to a hundred thousand; one hundred lakh make one crore (q.v.)
lorry	motor truck for transporting goods
maldhari	cowherd in Gujarat
malguzari	a major land-holding system under which the malguzar or revenue farmer enjoys full proprietary rights over his land
mandali	a small group of people, usually for stimulating or undertaking developmental activities in rural area
mariamman	Goddess in Tamil Nadu worshipped especially for Her healing powers
minikit	a small kit usually containing farming inputs like seeds and fertilisers
munshi(es)	clerk(s) or keeper(s) of account books
murum	coarse sand
nadi(es)	village water tank(s) in Rajasthan
nagar panchayat	town panchayat (q.v.)
Nagli	finger millet, Eleusine Coracana (L) Gaertn, or ragi
Nagrik Aapurti Nigam	Civil Supplies Corporation
nala(s)	drain(s)
Nayab Tehsildar	deputy Tehsildar (q.v.)
nistar	impounded water used for irrigation, notably in Madhya Pradesh
oorani(es)	community village tank(s) for drinking water purposes in Tamil Nadu
paise	smallest denomination of Indian currency under decimal coinage. One hundred paise make one rupee .
paisewari	a system of expressing crop yields. The crop yield is taken as one hundred paise and the expected yield is expressed as a fraction in terms of paise (q.v.) (cf. annawari)
panchayat	literally an assembly of five persons, the elected village council.
panchayat raj samiti (es)	block (q.v.) level panchayat (q.v.) committee(s)

panchayat ghar(s)	literally panchayat house, the place where panchayat (q.v.) meets (cf. panchayat bhawan)
panchayat bhawan	panchayat (q.v.) building where the panchayat meets (cf. panchayat ghar)
Pandiyan	dynasty which ruled southern parts of Tamil Nadu in ancient times
patwari	village level official or accountant responsible for maintenance of land and revenue records at village level
patwari ghar(s)	official building(s) for patwari (q.v.)
paushtik ahar	fortified nutritious food
pucca	permanent or solidly built (cf. kutchra)
rabi	the post-monsoon cropping season, notably in northern India from October to March. The rabi crops include wheat, sorghum (rabi and gram.
rupee	the Indian currency. See also paisa
rapat(s)	sub-surface dam(s) in Rajasthan constructed across streams
safflower	Rabi (q.v.) oilseed crop, carthamus tintorius L.
sahkar	co-operation
sahkari ghar	building for co-operative (cf. sahkari bhawan)
sahkari bhawan	building for a co-operative (cf. sahkari ghar)
sattu	ready-to-eat dry food of rural northern India consisting of parched gram and barley ground together, eaten with jaggery or salt
sarpanch	chief of the panchayat (q.v.)
samba	cropping season in Tamil Nadu from August to December
samiti(s)	committee(s)
sirki	dry reeds used for temporary roofing and partition
sukhadi	ready-to-eat dry food, notably in Gujarat and Maharashtra, consisting of wheat flour, jaggery and some oil.
taluk	a revenue circle. See also tehsil .
taccavi	loan advanced by district revenue authorities for agricultural purposes or for relief in distress
tanka(s)	water impounding structure(s) notably in Rajasthan for drinking water purposes in arid area.
talab	tank or pond
tehsil	a revenue circle. See also taluk
Tehsildar	a revenue official in-charge of a tehsil (q.v.)
toria	a variety of mustard oil seeds, Cruciferae Brassica Compenstria L.
tur	pigeon-pea or red gram, cajanus cajan (L) Millsp. Also known as arhar .
utpadak	producer or cultivator
vallom	a small boat in kerala
Vidhan Sabha	(State) Legislative Assembly
Zaid	pre-rabicropping season.
Zila	district. See also janpad .
Zila Panchayat	district level panchayat (q.v)