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ABBREVIATIONS USED

Abbreviation Full Form

BAHVY Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasta Shilpa Vikas Yojana.

BCDI Bamboo and Cane Development Institute.

CFC Common Facility Centre.

DC Development Commissioner.

DHHS Directorate of Handloom Handicraft and Sericulture.

EC Economic Census.

EDI Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India,

KVIC Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

KVIB Khadi and Village Industries Board.

IHCDS Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Programme.

MSME Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

MSE-CDP Micro and Small Enterprise-Cluster Development Programme.

NABARD National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development.

NMDFC National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation

NER National Programme for Rural Industrialisation.

NISIET National Institute for Small Industry Extension Training.

IIUS Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme.

SICDP Small Industry Cluster Development Programme.

SIDBI: Small Industries Development Bank of India.

SSI Small Scale Industries.

SFURTI Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries.

TBM Tripura Bamboo Mission.

TEA Tirupur Exporters Association

TRIBAC Tripura Bamboo and cane Development Centre.

TCB Tripura Coir Board.

TUFS Technological Up-gradation Fund Scheme TUFS.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organisations.

UNESCO/ITC United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization/Information Technology Community.