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List of Abbreviations

AAY: Antodaya Anna Yojana

APL: Above Poverty Line

APC: Agricultural Price Commission

BPL: Below Poverty Line

CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women

CPS: Current Population Survey

CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

DDP: District Domestic Product

FANTA: Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance

FAO: Food and Agricultural Organisation

FCI: Food Corporation of India

FIC: Family Identity Cards

FPS: Fair Price Shops

FSI: Food Security Index

HDR: Human Development Report

HFSI: Household Food Security Index

HFSSM: Household Food Security Survey Measure

HFIAS: Household Food Insecurity Access Scale

IFPRI: International Food Policy and Research Institute

ICDS: Integrated Child Development Services

ICESE: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Educational Rights

MDG: Millennium Development Goal

MDMS: Mid-Day Meals Scheme

NCEUS: National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector

NFSA: National Food Security Act

NFSM: National Food Security Mission

NGO: Non Government Organisation

NSDP: Net State Domestic Product

NSSO: National Sample Survey Organisation

OBC: Other Backward Class

OLS: Ordinary Least Square Method

PDS: Public Distribution System

PHC: Primary Health Centre

RBI: Reserve Bank of India

RKVY: Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

SC: Scheduled Caste

SDP: State Domestic Product

SEWA: Self Employed Women's Association

ST: Scheduled Tribe

TPDS: Targeted Public Distribution System

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN: United Nations

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme

USAID: United States Agency for International Development

USDA: US Department of Agriculture

WFS: The World Food Summit

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