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ABBREVIATION

ASEB= Assam State Electricity Board

ASEC= Attend the Speeches of the Election Candidates

APL= Above Poverty Line

Avg.= Average

BPL= Below Poverty Line

CCFV= Cinema, Club, Festival or Village Fair etc.

CD= Community Development

CSU= Control the Saving for Use

CVE= Cast Vote in Election

DFID= Department for International Development

DRDA= District Rural Development Agencies

ES= Economic Status

FDDE= Family Day to Day Expenditure

FHC=Family Health Care

GCTSM= Go to Cinema House/ Theatre to See Movies

GDI= Gender Development Index

GER= Gross Enrollment Ration

GII= Gender Inequality Index

GNI= Gross National Income

GOHAM= Going Outside Home of any Member

GPI= Gender Parity Index

HDI= Human Development Index

HDR= Human Development Report

HH= Household

HIERI= House Income Excluding Respondent Income

HMO= Household Main Occupation

HOH= Head of the Household

HRF= Home of Relatives/Friends

Hrs.= Hours

ICPD= International Conference on Population and Development

IFRC= International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

JW= Job of Women

KM= Kilometer

LHP= Larger Household Purchase

LHC= Local Health Center/Clinic

LMP= Local Market for Purchase

LPG= Liquid Petroleum Gas

MB= Municipality Board

NGO= Non-Government Organization

NHG= Neighborhood for Gossip

NREGA= National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

No.= Number

NSAO= Number of Specified Asset Owned

NSS= National Sample Survey

OBIHN= Open Bank Account / Insurance Policy by her Name

OCHV= Own and control household variables

OCV= Other City or Village

OLS= Ordinary Least Square

PCA= Principal Component Analysis

PCI= Per Capita Income

PCMUA= Purchasing Clothes & Make-up Articles

PCP= Participate in Cultural Programmes of Village/Town

PDF= Purchasing Daily Food

PGR= Purchasing Gifts for Relatives

PJBS= Purchasing Jewelry/Bonds/Shares

PMWO= Participate in the Meeting of Women Organization

PR= Place of Residence

PRP= Participate in Religious Programmes of Village /Town

RA= Respondent's Age

RBJMHC= Read Books/Journals/Magazines of her Choice

RDNPHC= Read Daily Newspaper of her Choice

REQ= Respondent's Educational Qualification

RHP= Routine Household Purchase

RHS= Routine Household Spending

RI= Respondent's Income

Rs.= Rupees

SHG= Self-Help-Group

SPELHL= Sale/Purchase or Exchange Land/House/Livestock

SPI= Spending Personal Income

TPL= Talk to Political Leaders/Representatives

UMPI= Use Mobile Phone/Internet

UNIFEM= United Nations Development Fund for Women

UNFPA= United Nations Fund for Population Activities

UPDS= Update about the Political System

VCOC= Vote to the Candidate of Own Choice

VPH= Visiting Parental Home (VPH)

WEI= Women Empowerment Index

WIER= Rural Women Empowerment Index

WEIU= Urban Women Empowerment Index

WTVHC= Watch TV Programmes of her Choice

Yrs.= Years