

Abbreviations

AAY: Antyodaya Anna Yojana

Adivasis: The Tribal

AITC: All India Trinamool Congress

Anganwadi Centre: Integrated Child Development Service Centre

APC: Agricultural Prices Commission

APL: Above Poverty Line

AWBTGLU: All West Bengal Tea Gardens Labourers Association

BACP: Bureau of Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission

Bandh: The Strike

BDO: Block Development Officer

Beti Bachao Beti Padao: An initiative by the Government of India to save girl children and educate them.

Bhumi Ucched Protirodh Committee: The Committee of the People for Resisting the Eviction from Land

Bigha: The bigha (also formerly beegah) is a traditional unit of measurement of area of a land, commonly used in India

Biri: A thin cigarette or mini-cigar filled with tobacco flake and commonly wrapped in a tendu or *Piliostigma racemosum* leaf tied with a string or adhesive at one end.

BJP: Bhartiya Janata Party

BPL: Below Poverty Line

CAG: Comptroller and Auditor General of India

CCTPW: Coordination Committee of Tea Plantation Workers

CDPO: Child Development Project Officer

CI: Circle Inspector

CIP: Central Issue Prices

CM: Chief Minister

CPI (ML): Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)

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CRPC: The Code of Criminal Procedure

Damdham Dawai: Random Beatings

DCPWR: Defence Committee for Plantation Worker's Rights

DDP: Desert Development Programme

Didi: The Elder Sister.

DM: District Magistrate

DPSP: Directive Principles of State Policy

Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)

DSP: Deputy Superintendent of Police

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organisation

Fatwa: A fatwa is a nonbinding legal opinion on a point of Islamic law (*sharia*) given by a qualified jurist in response to a question posed by a private individual, judge or government.

FCI: Food Corporation of India

FFW: Food for Work

FPS: Fair Price Shops

GJMM: Gorkha Janmukti Morcha

GNLF: Gorkha National Liberation Front

GOI: Government of India

Gonoandolon Committee: The Committee for people's movement

Goriber Dol: The Party for the Poor

GP: Gram Panchayat

IAS: Indian Administrative Service

IAY: Indira Awaas Yojana

ICDS: Integrated Child Development Services

ICMR: Indian Council of Medical Research

IG: Inspector General

IIASTD: International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development

INC: Indian National Congress

ITDP: Integrated Tribal Development Project

Jabardakhal Colonies: The environs erected illegally by the refugees.

Jan Sunwai: Social auditing/hearings in 'Peoples' Court'.

Janaswartho Raksha Sangram Committee: The Committee for struggling and Safeguarding the People's Interest

Junglemahal: Jungle Mahals, literally 'jungle estates' was a district formed by British possessions and some independent chiefdoms lying between Birbhum, Bankura, undivided Medinipur and the hilly country of Chota Nagpur in what is now the Indian state of West Bengal.

Kabiraj: Ayurvedic Medicine Practitioner

Kirghiz ASSR: Kirghiz Autonomous Socialist Soviet Republic

KLO: Kamtapur Liberation Organisation

Krishi Jomi Raksha Committee: The Committee for Saving the Agricultural Lands

LF: Left Front

Mahajot: The Grand Alliance

Mantra: Ideology

MLA: Member of Legislative Assembly

MMS: Mid-day Meal Scheme

MP: Member of Parliament

MR: Marginal Ration Shop

NFSA: National Food Security Act

NGO: Non-Government Organisation

NIP: New Industrial Policy

NOAPS: National Old Age Pension Scheme

NTFP: Non-Timber Forest Product

OBC: Other Backward Caste

OMC: Operation Management Committee

Operation Barga: Launched in 1978 the Operation Barga was a land reform movement throughout rural West Bengal by the Left Front Government for recording the names of sharecroppers (jotadars) while avoiding the time-consuming method of recording through the settlement machinery.

Pandchayat Pradhan: The Secretary of the Panchayat

PDCI: Peoples Democratic Conference of India

PDS: Public Distribution System

PF: Provident Fund

PHE: Public Health Engineering

PIL: Public Interest Litigation

Poribirton: The Change

Pucca: Made of Asphalt or Concrete

PUCL: People's Union for Civil Liberties

PWD: Public Works Department

RAF: Rapid Action Force

RPDS: Revamped Public Distribution System

RSP: Revolutionary Socialist Party (India)

SC: Scheduled Caste

SEZ: Special Economic Zone

SGRY: Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

Shraddha: The Funeral Ceremony

SP: Superintendent of Police

SPTF: Special Purpose Tea Fund Scheme

ST: Scheduled Caste

UCRC: United Central Refugee Council

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UPA: United Progressive Alliance

USA: United States of America

WBCMS: West Bengal Cha Mazdoor Sabha

WBCSU: West Bengal Cha Shramik Union

WFP: World Food Programme

WTO: World Trade Organisation