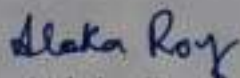


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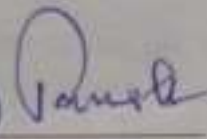
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- AITC- All India Trinamool Congress
- AIFB- All India Forward Bloc
- BLD- Bharatiya Lok Dal,
- BJD-Biju Janata Dal
- BJS- Bharatiya Jana Sangha
- BSP- Bahujan Samaj Party
- CPI- Communist Party of India
- CPI (M) - Communist Party of India (Marxist)
- DMK- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
- EU-European Union
- ICDS- Integrated Child Development Services
- ICSSR- Indian Council of Social Science Research
- IND- Independent
- INC- Indian National Congress
- IPU- Inter Parliamentary Union
- I & T-Information & Technology
- JD- Janata Dal.
- JNP- Janata Party
- JNU- Jawaharlal Nehru University
- MBBS- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

MLA- Member of Legislative Assembly

MP- Member of Parliament

N.A- Not Available

NDA- National Democratic Alliance

NF- Northeast Frontier

NFHS- National Family Health Survey

OTH-Others

SWA- Swatantra Party

TMC- Trinamool Congress

UN- United Nations

UNESCO- United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

YSRCP- Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party

WBTC-West Bengal Trinamool Congress