

ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

- AIFB** - All India Forward Block.
- AIFB(S)** - All India Forward Block (Socialist).
- BJP** - Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Congress** - Indian National Congress (party).
- CP** - Chairpersons either of GP or Convenor of Standing Committees of PS and ZP.
- CPM** - Communist Party of India (Marxist).
- CSWI** - Committee on Status of Women in India (1974).
- DRDA** - District Rural Development Agency
- GP** - Gram Panchayat, the lowest Panchayat Tier at the village level.
- JRY** - Jowhar Rojgar Yojana. From May 1999 it is restructured as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana where Central Government will bear 75% of total allocation. Now GP alone will be implementing this scheme for development of rural infrastructure.
- ICDS** - Integrated Child Development Services
- ICSSR** - Indian Council of Social Science Research (New Delhi).
- ISS** - Institute of Social Sciences (New Delhi).
- ISST** - Institute of Social Studies Trust (New Delhi and Bangalore).
- Karmadhyakhas** - Convenor of Standing Committees of PS and ZP.
- Left Front** - A Coalition of some Left Parties like CPM, CPI, AIFB, RSP etc. in West Bengal.
- MLA** - Member of Legislative Assembly (lower house of State Parliament).
- MLC** - Member of Legislative Council (upper house of State Parliament).
- MP** - Member of Parliament (Central Government).
- PR** - Panchayati Raj, the unit of Rural Local Self Government.
- PRI:s** - Panchayati Raj Institutions
- PS** - Panchayat Samity, the middle Panchayat Tier at Sub - divisional level.
- SC** - Scheduled Caste.
- ST** - Scheduled Tribe.
- WB** - West Bengal
- ZP** - Zilla Parishad, the highest Panchayat Tier at District level.