

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED IN THE THESIS

- BDO - Block Development Officer
- BPL - Below Poverty Line
- CPI (M) - Communist Party of India (Marxist)
- Edn. - Edition
- EPW - Economic and Political Weekly
- GP - Gram Panchayat
- MLA - Member of Legislative Assembly
- MP - Member of Parliament
- NBU - North Bengal University
- NGO - Non-Governmental Organization
- PR - Panchayati Raj
- PRI - Panchayati Raj Institution
- PRS - Panchayati Raj System
- PS - Panchayat Samiti
- Pub. - Publication
- SC - Scheduled Caste
- ST - Scheduled Tribe
- Vol. - Volume
- W. r. t. - With respect to
- ZP - Zilla Parishad