

GLOSSARY

Adibasi : Original people; they are known as Scheduled Tribes.

Backward Classes : The 'vulnerable segments' of the society. They are consisted of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

Bahujan Samaj : The common people.

Bharat : India

Bullick Capitalist : The term has been coined by Rudolph and Rudolph meaning middle peasant in the Indian Agriculture.

Dalit : It is originally a Marathi word for untouchable.

Dirigiste : A model of Economic Development with State Playing a dominant role.

Garibi-hatao: A slogan popularized by Indian National Congress under Indira Gandhi, for the removal of poverty.

Harijans : Mahatma Gandhi used this term for so-called 'unclean' or 'untouchable' castes meaning 'children of sad'.

Hindutva : The idea of Hinduism as India's original national faith.

Hindu Rashtra : The Hindu Nation or State.

Jati : Caste in the sense of named 'birth group'.

Kulks : Rural powerful, usually from the rich peasantry.

Other Backward Classes (or castes) (OBCs) : Socially and Educationally deprived communities excluding the Scheduled Castes or Tribes, for whom remedial actions are authorized by the Constitution.

Panchayat : Self-Governing Institution.

Panchayati Raj : A system of local self-government representing the third tier of governance guaranteed by the constitution of India.

Raiyatwari : A system of agricultural revenue collection whereby tenants paid rent directly to Government.

Sangh Parivar : The RSS 'family' of organizations.

Scheduled Castes (SCs) : The official term by which the untouchable castes are referred to. It is constitutionally mandated to provide special assistance to this category of people in respect of education, employment and political representation (other than the OBCs).

Scheduled Tribes (STs) : India's tribal or adivasi populations are officially referred to as Scheduled Tribes. It is also constitutionally mandated for providing special assistance to them vis-à-vis education, employment and political representation (other than the SCs and OBCs).

Zamindari : It is a system of land revenue administration whereby Zamindar – landlord collected rent from the peasants and made payments to the colonial government.