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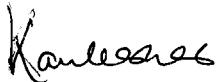
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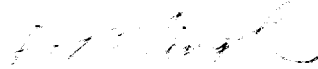
  
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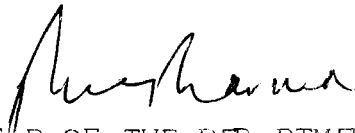
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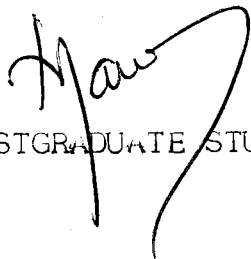
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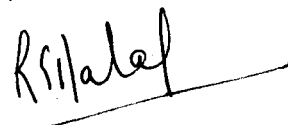
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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADC	Additional Deputy Commissioner
BDO	Block Development Officer
BDPO	Block Development and Panchayat Officer
CAARD	Committee on Administrative Arrangements for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Programmes
CD	Community Development
COPP	Committee on Plan Projects
DC	Deputy Commissioner
DDO	Drawing and Disbursing Officer
DDP	Desert Development Programme
DDPO	District Development and Panchayat Officer
DIC	District Industry Centre
DRDA	District Rural Development Agency
DWCRA	Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas
HYVP	High Yielding Varieties Programme
IAAP	Intensive Agriculture Area Programme
IADP	Intensive Agriculture District Programme
ICDS	Intensive Child Development Scheme
IRDP	Integrated Rural Development Programme
KVIC	Khadi and Village Industries Commission
NREP	National Rural Employment Programme
PEO	Programme Evaluation Organization
RLEGP	Rural Landless Employment Gurantee Programme

SDM        Sub-Divisional Magistrate  
T&V        Training and Visit  
TRYSEM    Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment  
VLW        Village Level Worker

## Explanations of Colloquial Terms Used in the Dissertation

### 1. Panchayati Raj: (Democratic Decentralisation)

It is the three-tier structure of rural local government at the village, block and district level based on democratisation and devolution of powers and resources for the specific purposes of planning and implementing the community development programme with the active, spirited, spontaneous participation of the rural people with a view to developing their economic, social and cultural life.

### 2. Panchayat

It is the organisation of local elected representatives of the people for the execution of the development programmes for the welfare of their respective areas. It is also called Gram Panchayat.

3. Block: It refers to the administrative unit of a group of villages. A district consists of a few blocks.

4. Panchayat Samiti: It is the organisation of non-officials (representatives of the rural people mostly through village panchayats and cooperatives) at the block level and is responsible for planning and execution of development activities in the block. This organisation is also known as Taluka Panchayat in some States of India.

5. Panch: A member of the village panchayat is referred to as Panch.

6. Sarpanch: The chairman of the village panchayat is known as Sarpanch. He is also called 'Pradhan' or 'Mukhiya' in some States.