LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AMS: Aggregate Measure of Support
ANOVA: Analysis of Variance
APEDA: Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority
B : C Ratio: Benefit Cost Ratio
BGA: Blue Green Algae
CD: Critical Difference
DF: Degrees of Freedom
DDT: Dichloro Diphenyl Trichloroethane
Dsm/m: Deci Siemens per metre
EEC: European Economic Community
EM: Effective Micro-organisms
EU: European Union
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organisation
Ha: Hectares
HYV: Higher Yielding Varieties
IFOAM: International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
INM: Integrated Nutrient Management
IPM: Integrated Pest Management
JAS: Japanese Agricultural Standards
KCC: Kisan Credit Card Scheme
LSD: Least Significant Difference
m.e./l.: milliequivalence per litre
MOA: Mokichi Okada Association
MOFF: Maharashtra Organic Farming Federation
MS: Mean Sum of Squares
MSP: Minimum Support Price
NABARD: National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development
NAIS: National Agricultural Insurance Scheme
NAP: National Agricultural Policy
NER: North-Eastern Region
NGO: Non-Government Organisation
NPDB: National Project for the Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers
NPK: Nitrogen, Phosphorous, Potassium
NPOP: National Programme for Organic Production
NSC: National Steering Committee
NSOP: National Standards for Organic Products and Processes
PCs: Producer Companies
PDS: Public Distribution System
pH: pondus hidrogenii (potential hydrogen; a measure of acidity in soil or water)
PP: Procurement Price
RRBs: Regional Rural Banks
S: Sulphur
SS: Sum of Squares
t/ha: Tonnes per Hectare
UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme
USDA: United States Department of Agriculture
WTO- World Trade Organisation
Zn: Zinc