LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AREDS - Association for Rural Education and Development Service
AVAs - Audio-Visual Aids
BDOs - Block Development Officers
DIC - District Industrial Centre
DPC - District Planning Committee
DRDA - District Rural Development Agency
GRI - Gandhigram Rural Institute
HRF - Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation
ISEC - Institute of Social and Economic Change
KTLA - Kerala Institute of Local Administration
MLP - Micro Level Planning
NGOs - Non-Governmental Organisations
NICO - National Institute of Community Development
NIRD - National Institute of Rural Development
OH? - Over Head Projector
PR - Panchayati Raj
PRA - Participatory Rural Appraisal
PPJA - Society for Participatory Research in Asia
RETC - Rural Extension Training Centre
RGF - Rajiv Gandhi Foundation
RRA - Rapid Rural Appraisal
SC,ST - Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe
SIRD - State Institute of Rural Development
SSLC - Secondary School Leaving Certificate
SWOT - Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat
TIUS - Tamilnadu Institute of Urban Studies
UNAPDI - United Nations Asian Pacific Development Institute
UNESCAP - United Nations Economic and Social Council for Asia and Pacific
UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
VCP - Video Cassette Player
VPPs - Village Panchayat Presidents

LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES

AIADMK - All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
BIP - Bharathiya Janatha Party
DMK - Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
MDMK - Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
PMK - Pattali Makkal Katchi
TMC - Tamil Manila Congress