ABBREVIATIONS

ABG : Activity Based Groups
ADB : Asian Development Bank
ASA : Activists for Social Alternatives
BC : Backward Community
BPL : Below Poverty Line
CBO : Community Based Organizations
CGAP : Consultative Group to Assist the poor
CIDA : Canadian International Development Agency
CRISIL : Credit Rating and Information Services of India Ltd
DCCB : District Central Co-operative Banks
DRDAs : District Rural Development Agencies
DWCRA : Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas
GDP : Gross Domestic Product
GKY : Ganga Kalyan Yojana
GPS : Grameen Pension Savings
GTZ : Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
IFAD : International Fund for Agricultural Development
IRDP : Integrated Rural Development Programme
MDGs : Millennium Development Goals
MEDP : Micro Enterprise Development Programme
MFDEF : Micro Finance Development and Equity Fund
MFI : Micro Finance Institutions
MIX : Microfinance Information Exchange
MYRADA : Mysore Resettlement And Development Agency
NABARD : National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NCAER : National Council of Applied Economic Research
NGO : Non-Government Organisation
OC : Other Community
PACS : Primary Agricultural Credit Societies
RBI : Reserve Bank of India
RFA : Revolving Fund Assistance
RGCT : Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust
RRB : Regional Rural Bank
SBLP : SHG-Bank linkage programmes
SC : Scheduled Caste
SERP : Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty
SEWA : Self Employed Women’s Association
SEZ : Special Economic Zone
SGSY : Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana
SHEPERD : Self Help Promotion for Health and Rural Development
SHPI : Self Help Promoting Institution
SIDBI : Small Industries Development Bank of India
SITRA : Supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans
ST : Scheduled Tribe
TRYSEM : Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment
UNCDF : United Nations Capital Development Fund