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ABBREVIATIONS

1. S.I.I.  : South Indian Inscriptions

2. A.R.E.  : Annual Reports on Epigraphy, Madras

3. E.I.   : Epigraphia Indica


5. Papers on Mirasi Rights: Mirasi papers.


7. Saraswathi Mahal library: S.M.L.


9. Tanjore Committee Report 1807: Committee Report


11. Tamilnadu Archives: T.N.A.


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Current system is followed. In respect of place names, convention is adopted.