

## ABBREVIATIONS USED

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SC	Scheduled Caste
ST	Scheduled Tribe
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MP	Member of the Parliament
DSS	Dalit Sangharsha Samiti
INC	Indian National Congress
NCJ	Indian National Congress (Jagajivan Ram) or Congress (U)
NCN	Indian National Congress (Nijalingappa Group) or (Congress-0)
SOP	Socialist Party
PSP	Praja Socialist Party
SSP	Samyukta Socialist Party
SWA	Swatantra Party
CPI	Communist Party of India
CPM	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
RPI	Republican Party of India
RPI(K)	Republican Party of India(Khobragade)
BLD	Bharatiya Loka Dal
KMPP	Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party
LSS	Lok Sevak Sangh
SCF	Scheduled Caste Federation
JNP	Janata Party
DMK	Dravida Munnetra Kazagam
E	Elected
F	Deposit Forfeited

In this thesis various nomanclatures have been used for the Scheduled Castes such as, 'Depressed Classes', 'Oppressed Classes', 'Suppressed Classes', 'Deprived Castes' and 'Dalits'.