

# ABBREVIATIONS

**ABM:** Anti Ballistic Missiles  
**ABVP:** Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad  
**AC:** Alternating Current; Ashoka Chakra  
**ACU:** Asian Currency Union  
**AD:** anno Domini; in the year of Lord Christ  
**ADB:** Asian Development Bank  
**ADC:** Aide-de-Camp; Access Deficit Charge  
**ADF:** Asian Development Fund  
**ADS:** Air Defence Ship  
**AJT:** Advanced Jet Trainer  
**AG:** Accountant General; Adjutant General  
**AI:** Air India  
**AIDS:** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
**AIIMS:** All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
**AIR:** All India Radio; Annual Information Report  
**AITUC:** All India Trade Union Congress  
**AJT:** Advanced Jet Trainer  
**ALH:** Advanced Light Helicopter  
**AM:** ante meridiem; before noon  
**AMC:** Army Medical Corps; Asset Management Companies  
**AME:** Associate Member of the Institute of Engineers  
**APC:** Agricultural Prices Commission  
**APEC:** Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation  
**APPLE:** Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment  
**APPU:** Asian Pacific Postal Union  
**ARC:** Asset Reconstruction Company  
**ARDR:** Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief  
**ASAT:** Anti-Satellite weapon

## J, K, L

**JCO:** Junior Commissioned Officer  
**JNNURM:** Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission  
**JPC:** Joint Parliamentary Committee  
**JPEG:** Joint Photographic Experts Group  
**JWG:** Joint Working Group  
**KG:** Kindergarten  
**Kg:** Kilogramme  
**KPO:** Knowledge Process Outsourcing  
**LAC:** Line of Actual Control  
**LCA:** Light Combat Aircraft  
**LDC:** Least Developed Countries  
**LHC:** Large Hadron Collider  
**LIC:** Life Insurance Corporation (of India)  
**LLP:** Limited Liability Partnership  
**LOAC:** Line of Actual Control  
**LTA:** Light Transport Aircraft  
**LTTE:** Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam

## M

**MAT:** Minimum Alternative Tax  
**MER:** Mars Exploration Rover  
**MBBS:** Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery  
**MCF:** Master Control Facility  
**MEP:** Minimum Export Price  
**MES:** Military Engineering Service  
**METSAT:** Meteorological Satellite  
**MFA:** Multi-Fibre Agreement  
**MFN:** Most Favoured Nation  
**MIP:** Moon Impact Probe  
**MMS:** Multimedia Messaging Service  
**MMTC:** Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India  
**MNC:** Multi-national Corporation  
**MNIC:** Multi-purpose National Identity Card  
**MODEM:** Modulator-Demodulator  
**MRI:** Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
**MRTPC:** Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission  
**MRTS:** Mass Rapid Transit System  
**MSA:** Maritime Safety Agency  
**MSCF:** Maritime Security Cooperation Framework  
**Mss:** Manuscript  
**MTCR:** Missile Technology Control Regime  
**MTO:** Multilateral Trade Organisation

<p><b>ASC:</b> Army Service Corps</p> <p><b>ASCI:</b> Advanced Strategic Computing Initiative</p> <p><b>ASCII:</b> American Standard Code for Information</p> <p><b>ASEAN:</b> Association of South-East Asian Nations</p> <p><b>ASEM:</b> Asia-Europe Meeting</p> <p><b>ASIMO:</b> Advanced Step in Innovative Mobility</p> <p><b>ASLV:</b> Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle</p> <p><b>ASMA:</b> Antarctica Specially Managed Area</p> <p><b>ASSOCHAM:</b> Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>ATA:</b> Air Time Authority; Allen Telescope Array</p> <p><b>ATC:</b> Air Traffic Controller</p> <p><b>ATM:</b> Automatic Teller Machine</p> <p><b>ATR:</b> Action Taken Report</p> <p><b>ATV:</b> Automatic Transfer Vehicle</p> <p><b>AUM:</b> Assets Under Management</p> <p><b>AVC:</b> Army Veterinary Corps</p> <p><b>AVM:</b> Additional Volatility Margin</p> <p><b>AWACS:</b> Airborne Warning and Control System</p> <p><b>B</b></p> <p><b>BARC:</b> Bhabha Atomic Research Centre</p> <p><b>BBC:</b> British Broadcasting Corporation</p> <p><b>BC:</b> Before Christ; Board of Control; British Columbia; Battery Commander</p> <p><b>BCG:</b> Bacillus Calmette Guerin—Anti-Tuberculosis Vaccine</p> <p><b>BICP:</b> Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices</p> <p><b>BIFR:</b> Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction</p> <p><b>BIOS:</b> Basic Input Output System</p> <p><b>BKU:</b> Bharatiya Kisan Union</p> <p><b>BMD:</b> Ballistic Missile Defence System</p> <p><b>BOLT:</b> BSE On-Line Trading (System)</p> <p><b>BOSS:</b> Bharat Operating System Solutions</p> <p><b>BPO:</b> Business Process Outsourcing</p>	<p><b>MVC:</b> Maha Vir Chakra</p> <p><b>MUNO:</b> Maha Vir Chakra</p> <p><b>N</b></p> <p><b>NAA:</b> National Airport Authority</p> <p><b>NABARD:</b> National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. (It helps rural development by providing re-finance facility).</p> <p><b>NACIL:</b> National Aviation Company of India Ltd</p> <p><b>NADA:</b> National Anti-Doping Agency</p> <p><b>NAEP:</b> National Adult Education Programme</p> <p><b>NAFTA:</b> North America Free Trade Agreement</p> <p><b>NAG:</b> National Air Guard</p> <p><b>NAM:</b> Non-aligned Movement</p> <p><b>NAMA:</b> Non-Agriculture Market Access</p> <p><b>NASA:</b> National Aeronautics and Space Administration (of the U.S.A.)</p> <p><b>NASDAQ:</b> National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation</p> <p><b>NATA:</b> Natural Aptitude Test for Architecture</p> <p><b>NATO:</b> North Atlantic Treaty Organisation</p> <p><b>NAV:</b> Net Asset Value</p> <p><b>NB:</b> Nota bene; note well, or take notice</p> <p><b>NCA:</b> Nuclear Command Authority</p> <p><b>NCC:</b> National Cadet Corps</p> <p><b>NCEP:</b> National Committee on Environmental Planning</p> <p><b>NCERT:</b> National Council of Education Research and Training</p> <p><b>NCR:</b> National Capital Region</p> <p><b>NDA:</b> National Defence Academy; National Democratic Alliance</p> <p><b>NDNC:</b> National Do Not Call (Registry)</p> <p><b>NDPS:</b> Narcotic Drugs &amp; Psychotropic Substances</p> <p><b>NDRF:</b> National Disaster Response Force</p> <p><b>NDTL:</b> National Dope Testing Laboratory</p> <p><b>NeGP:</b> National e-governance Plan</p> <p><b>NEDB:</b> North-Eastern Development Bank</p> <p><b>NEP:</b> National Education Policy</p> <p><b>NEPA:</b> National Environment Protection Authority</p> <p><b>NFO:</b> New Fund Offers</p> <p><b>NHDP:</b> National Highways Development Project</p> <p><b>NHRC:</b> National Human Rights Commission</p> <p><b>NIC:</b> National Integration Council</p> <p><b>NIFT:</b> National Institute of Fashion Technology</p> <p><b>NIO:</b> National Institute of Oceanography</p> <p><b>NIS:</b> National Institute of Sports</p>
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<p><b>BPR:</b> Bottom Pressure Records  <b>BRO:</b> Border Road Organisation  <b>BSE:</b> Bombay Stock Exchange  <b>BSF:</b> Border Security Force  <b>BSNL:</b> Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd</p> <p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>CA:</b> Chartered Accountant  <b>CABE:</b> Central Advisory Board of Education  <b>C &amp; AG:</b> Comptroller &amp; Auditor General  <b>CAIR:</b> Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics  <b>CAPART:</b> Council for People's Action and Advancement of Rural Technology  <b>CAPEs:</b> Computer-Aided Paperless Examination System  <b>CAS:</b> Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Conditional Access System  <b>CB:</b> Citizen Band (Radio)  <b>CBI:</b> Central Bureau of Investigation  <b>CBFC:</b> Central Board of Film Certification  <b>CCPA:</b> Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs  <b>CD:</b> Conference on Disarmament  <b>C-DAC:</b> The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing  <b>CDMA:</b> Code Division Multiple Access  <b>CECA:</b> Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement  <b>CERN:</b> European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Pronounced CERN in French)  <b>CFC:</b> Chlorofluoro Carbon  <b>CFS:</b> Container Freight Station  <b>CHOGM:</b> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting  <b>CIA:</b> Central Intelligence Agency (of U.S.A.)  <b>CIBIL:</b> Credit Information Bureau (India) Ltd  <b>CIC:</b> Chief Information Commissioner  <b>CID:</b> Criminal Investigation Department  <b>C-in-C:</b> Commander-in-Chief</p>	<p>Policy  <b>NEPA:</b> National Environment Protection Authority  <b>NFO:</b> New Fund Offers  <b>NHDP:</b> National Highways Development Project  <b>NHRC:</b> National Human Rights Commission  <b>NIC:</b> National Integration Council  <b>NIFT:</b> National Institute of Fashion Technology  <b>NIO:</b> National Institute of Oceanography  <b>NIS:</b> National Institute of Sports  <b>NIT:</b> National Institute of Technology  <b>NLMA:</b> National Literacy Mission Authority  <b>NMD:</b> Nuclear Missile Defence  <b>NMDC:</b> National Mineral Development Corporation  <b>NPL:</b> National Physical Laboratory  <b>NPR:</b> National Population Register  <b>NPT:</b> (Nuclear) Non-Proliferation Treaty  <b>NRBI:</b> National Rural Bank of India  <b>NREGA:</b> National Rural Employment Guarantee Act  <b>NREP:</b> National Rural Employment Programme  <b>NRF:</b> National Renewal Fund  <b>NRI:</b> Non-Resident Indian  <b>NRR:</b> National Reproduction Rate  <b>NRSA:</b> National Remote Sensing Agency  <b>NSA:</b> National Security Act  <b>NSC:</b> National Service Corps; National Security Council  <b>NSDL:</b> National Securities Depository Limited  <b>NSE:</b> National Stock Exchange  <b>NSR:</b> National Skills Registry  <b>NTPC:</b> National Thermal Power Corporation  <b>NWDA:</b> National Water Development Agency  <b>NWRC:</b> National Water Resources Council</p> <p><b>O</b></p> <p><b>OAS:</b> Organisation of American States  <b>OAU:</b> Organisation of African Unity  <b>OBC:</b> Other Backward Communities  <b>OBU:</b> Offshore Banking Unit  <b>ODA:</b> Official Development Assistance  <b>ODF:</b> Open Document Format  <b>ODS:</b> Ozone Depletion Substances  <b>OECD:</b> Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development  <b>OGIL:</b> Open General Licence  <b>OIC:</b> Organisation of Islamic Countries  <b>OIGS:</b> On India Government Service  <b>OIL:</b> Oil India Limited</p>
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<p><b>cif:</b> cost, insurance and freight</p> <p><b>CIS:</b> Commonwealth of Independent States</p> <p><b>CISF:</b> Central Industrial Security Force</p> <p><b>CITES:</b> Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species</p> <p><b>CITU:</b> Centre of Indian Trade Unions</p> <p><b>CLASS:</b> Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools</p> <p><b>CLAWS:</b> Centre for Land Warfare Studies</p> <p><b>CM:</b> Command Module; Chief Minister</p> <p><b>CMP:</b> Common Minimum Programme</p> <p><b>CNG:</b> Compressed Natural Gas</p> <p><b>CNN:</b> Cable News Network</p> <p><b>CNS:</b> Chief of the Naval Staff</p> <p><b>CO:</b> Commanding Officer</p> <p><b>COD:</b> Central Ordnance Depot; Cash on Delivery</p> <p><b>CPCB:</b> Central Pollution Control Board</p> <p><b>CPI:</b> Communist Party of India</p> <p><b>CPI(M):</b> Communist Party of India (Marxists)</p> <p><b>CPU:</b> Central Processing Unit</p> <p><b>CR:</b> Central Railway</p> <p><b>CRAC:</b> Cyber Regulation Advisory Council</p> <p><b>CRDi:</b> Common Rail Direct injection</p> <p><b>CRISIL:</b> Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited</p> <p><b>CRM:</b> Customer Relationship Management</p> <p><b>CRR:</b> Cash Reserve Ratio</p> <p><b>CRPF:</b> Central Reserve Police Force</p> <p><b>CSIR:</b> Council of Scientific and Industrial Research</p> <p><b>CTBT:</b> Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty</p> <p><b>CTT:</b> Commodities Transaction Tax</p> <p><b>CVRDE:</b> Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p><b>DA:</b> Dearness Allowance; Daily Allowance</p> <p><b>DAVP:</b> Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity</p>	<p>Policy</p> <p><b>NEPA:</b> National Environment Protection Authority</p> <p><b>NFO:</b> New Fund Offers</p> <p><b>NHDP:</b> National Highways Development Project</p> <p><b>NHRC:</b> National Human Rights Commission</p> <p><b>NIC:</b> National Integration Council</p> <p><b>NIFT:</b> National Institute of Fashion Technology</p> <p><b>NIO:</b> National Institute of Oceanography</p> <p><b>NIS:</b> National Institute of Sports</p> <p><b>NIT:</b> National Institute of Technology</p> <p><b>NLMA:</b> National Literacy Mission Authority</p> <p><b>NMD:</b> Nuclear Missile Defence</p> <p><b>NMDC:</b> National Mineral Development Corporation</p> <p><b>NPL:</b> National Physical Laboratory</p> <p><b>NPR:</b> National Population Register</p> <p><b>NPT:</b> (Nuclear) Non-Proliferation Treaty</p> <p><b>NRBI:</b> National Rural Bank of India</p> <p><b>NREGA:</b> National Rural Employment Guarantee Act</p> <p><b>NREP:</b> National Rural Employment Programme</p> <p><b>NRF:</b> National Renewal Fund</p> <p><b>NRI:</b> Non-Resident Indian</p> <p><b>NRR:</b> National Reproduction Rate</p> <p><b>NRSA:</b> National Remote Sensing Agency</p> <p><b>NSA:</b> National Security Act</p> <p><b>NSC:</b> National Service Corps; National Security Council</p> <p><b>NSDL:</b> National Securities Depository Limited</p> <p><b>NSE:</b> National Stock Exchange</p> <p><b>NSR:</b> National Skills Registry</p> <p><b>NTPC:</b> National Thermal Power Corporation</p> <p><b>NWDA:</b> National Water Development Agency</p> <p><b>NWRC:</b> National Water Resources Council</p> <p><b>O</b></p> <p><b>OAS:</b> Organisation of American States</p> <p><b>OAU:</b> Organisation of African Unity</p> <p><b>OBC:</b> Other Backward Communities</p> <p><b>OBU:</b> Offshore Banking Unit</p> <p><b>ODA:</b> Official Development Assistance</p> <p><b>ODF:</b> Open Document Format</p> <p><b>ODS:</b> Ozone Depletion Substances</p> <p><b>OECD:</b> Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development</p> <p><b>OGIL:</b> Open General Licence</p> <p><b>OIC:</b> Organisation of Islamic Countries</p> <p><b>OIGS:</b> On India Government Service</p> <p><b>OIL:</b> Oil India Limited</p>
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<p><b>DC:</b> Deputy Commissioner; Direct Current in Electricity</p> <p><b>DDT:</b> Dichloro-Diphenyl Trichloro-ethane (disinfectant)</p> <p><b>DIN:</b> Director Information Number</p> <p><b>DM:</b> District Magistrate; Deputy Minister</p> <p><b>DMIC:</b> Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor</p> <p><b>DMK:</b> Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (a regional political party of Tamil Nadu)</p> <p><b>DNA:</b> de-oxyribonucleic acid</p> <p><b>DO:</b> Demi-official (letter)</p> <p><b>DOD:</b> Department of Ocean Development</p> <p><b>DPEP:</b> District Primary Education Programme</p> <p><b>DPI:</b> Director of Public Instruction</p> <p><b>DRAM:</b> Dynamic Random Access Memory</p> <p><b>DRDO:</b> Defence Research and Development Organisation</p> <p><b>DST:</b> Daylight Saving Time</p> <p><b>DRES:</b> Department of Renewable Energy Sources</p> <p><b>DTH:</b> Direct to Home (broadcasting)</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>ECG:</b> Electro Cardio-gram</p> <p><b>ECS:</b> Electronic Clearing Service</p> <p><b>ECT:</b> Electro-convulsant Therapy (electric shock treatment)</p> <p><b>EDUSAT:</b> Education Satellite</p> <p><b>EEG:</b> Electro-encephalography</p> <p><b>EET:</b> Exempt Exempt Taxation</p> <p><b>EFA:</b> Education for All</p> <p><b>EFF:</b> Extended Fund Facility</p> <p><b>e.g.:</b> exempli gratia; for example</p> <p><b>EHTP:</b> Electronic Hardware Technology Parks</p> <p><b>ELISA:</b> Enzyme Linked Immuno Solvent Assay (used for testing AIDS)</p> <p><b>EMI:</b> Equated Monthly Instalment</p> <p><b>EMS:</b> European Monetary System</p> <p><b>EMU:</b> Electric-Multiple Unit; Extra-vehicular Mobility Unit; (European)</p>	<p><b>OM:</b> Order of Merit</p> <p><b>ONGC:</b> Oil and Natural Gas Commission</p> <p><b>OPEC:</b> Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries</p> <p><b>OSCE:</b> Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe</p> <p><b>OSD:</b> Officer on Special Duty</p> <p><b>OXML:</b> Open Extended Marking Language</p> <p><b>P</b></p> <p><b>PAC:</b> Political Affairs Committee; Public Accounts Committee</p> <p><b>PACER:</b> Programme for Acceleration of Commercial Energy Research</p> <p><b>PAN:</b> Permanent Account Number (of Income-Tax)</p> <p><b>PATA:</b> Pacific-Asia Travel Association</p> <p><b>PCS:</b> Public Civil Service; Punjab Civil Service</p> <p><b>PIB:</b> Press Information Bureau</p> <p><b>Pin Code:</b> Postal Index Number Code</p> <p><b>PIO:</b> Persons of Indian Origin</p> <p><b>PLF:</b> Plant Load Factor</p> <p><b>PM:</b> Post Meridiem; after-noon; also Postmaster; Prime Minister; post-mortem (after death)</p> <p><b>PMG:</b> Postmaster General</p> <p><b>PN:</b> Participatory Note</p> <p><b>PO:</b> Post Office; Postal Order</p> <p><b>POPs:</b> Persistent Organic Pollutants; Point of Purchase</p> <p><b>POTA:</b> Prevention of Terrorism Act</p> <p><b>POW:</b> Prisoner of War</p> <p><b>PP:</b> Public Prosecutor; Particular Person</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Public Relations Officer</p> <p><b>PS:</b> Post Scriptum; Post Script; written after</p> <p><b>PSC:</b> Public Service Commission</p> <p><b>PSE:</b> Public Sector Enterprises</p> <p><b>PSLV:</b> Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle</p> <p><b>PTA:</b> Preferential Trade Area</p> <p><b>PTI:</b> Press Trust of India</p> <p><b>PTO:</b> Please Turn Over; Privilege Ticket Order</p> <p><b>PUFA:</b> Poly Unsaturated Fatty Acids</p> <p><b>PVC:</b> Param Vir Chakra</p> <p><b>PVSM:</b> Param Vishisht Sewa Medal</p> <p><b>PWD:</b> Public Works Department</p> <p><b>Q, R</b></p> <p><b>QMG:</b> Quarter Master General</p> <p><b>QR:</b> Quantitative Restriction</p> <p><b>RAF:</b> Rapid Action Force</p>
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<p>Economic and Monetary Union  <b>E &amp; OE:</b> Errors and Omissions Excepted  <b>EPROM:</b> Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory  <b>ER:</b> Eastern Railway  <b>ERM:</b> Exchange Rate Mechanism  <b>ERNET:</b> Educational and Research Network  <b>ESA:</b> European Space Agency  <b>ESCAP:</b> Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  <b>ESMA:</b> Essential Services Maintenance Act  <b>ESOP:</b> Employee Stock Option Programme  <b>etc.:</b> et cetera (and other things)  <b>EU:</b> European Union  <b>EVM:</b> Electronic Voting Machine</p> <p><b>F</b></p> <p><b>FAO:</b> Food and Agriculture Organisation  <b>FBI:</b> Federal Bureau of Investigation (of the U.S.A.)  <b>FCNR:</b> Foreign Currency (non-resident) Accounts Scheme  <b>FDR:</b> Flight Data Recorder; Fixed Deposit Receipt  <b>FEMA:</b> Foreign Exchange Management Act  <b>FERA:</b> Foreign Exchange Regulations Act  <b>FICCI:</b> Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry  <b>FII:</b> Foreign Institutional Investors  <b>FIPB:</b> Foreign Investment Promotion Board (of India)  <b>FLAG:</b> Fibre Optic Link Around the Globe  <b>FM:</b> Field Marshal; Frequency Modulated  <b>FPSB:</b> Financial Planning Standards Boards (India)  <b>FRBM:</b> Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management</p>	<p>Vehicle  <b>PTA:</b> Preferential Trade Area  <b>PTI:</b> Press Trust of India  <b>PTO:</b> Please Turn Over; Privilege Ticket Order  <b>PUFA:</b> Poly Unsaturated Fatty Acids  <b>PVC:</b> Param Vir Chakra  <b>PVSM:</b> Param Vishisht Sewa Medal  <b>PWD:</b> Public Works Department</p> <p><b>Q, R</b></p> <p><b>QMG:</b> Quarter Master General  <b>QR:</b> Quantitative Restriction  <b>RAF:</b> Rapid Action Force  <b>RAM:</b> Random Access Memory  <b>RBI:</b> Reserve Bank of India  <b>RCC:</b> Reinforced Concrete Cement  <b>RDF:</b> Rapid Development Force  <b>RDS:</b> Radio Data Servicing  <b>RDSS:</b> Radio Determination Satellite Service  <b>REACH:</b> Rehabilitate, Educate and Support Street Children  <b>RLO:</b> Returned Letter Office  <b>RLV:</b> Reusable Launch Vehicle  <b>RPM:</b> Revolution Per Minute  <b>RPO:</b> Recruitment Process Outsourcing; Regional Passport Officer  <b>RRB:</b> Regional Rural Bank  <b>RRPI:</b> Rural Retail Price Index  <b>RSS:</b> Rashtriya Swyamsevak Sangh  <b>RSVP:</b> Repondez s'il vous plait (Fr.) reply, if you please  <b>RTGS:</b> Real Time Gross Settlement System</p> <p><b>S</b></p> <p><b>SAARC:</b> South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation  <b>SAFTA:</b> South Asian Free Trade Area  <b>SAIL:</b> Steel Authority of India Limited  <b>SAPTA:</b> SAARC Preferential Trading Agreement  <b>SARS:</b> Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome  <b>SATNAV:</b> Satellite Navigation (Initiative)  <b>SAVE:</b> SAARC Audio Visual Exchange  <b>SC:</b> Security Council; Supreme Court; Scheduled Caste  <b>SCI:</b> Shipping Corporation of India  <b>SCO:</b> Shanghai Cooperation Organisation  <b>SCOPE:</b> Standing Conference on Public Enterprises  <b>SDO:</b> Sub-Divisional Officer</p>
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<p><b>HDTV:</b> High Definition Television  <b>HE:</b> His (or Her) Excellency; His (or Her) Eminence; High Explosive; Horizontal Equivalent  <b>HITS:</b> Headend In The Sky  <b>HMMWV:</b> High Mobility Multipurpose-Wheeled Vehicle  <b>HMS:</b> Hybrid Mail Service  <b>HP:</b> Himachal Pradesh; Horizontal Plane; Horse Power  <b>HTML:</b> Hyper Text Markup Language  <b>HTTP:</b> Hypertext Transfer Protocol  <b>HUDCO:</b> Housing and Urban Development Corporation  <b>HVDC:</b> High Voltage Direct Current</p> <p><b>I</b></p> <p><b>IAAI:</b> International Airport Authority of India  <b>IAAS:</b> Indian Audit and Accounts Service  <b>IADF:</b> International Agricultural Development Fund  <b>IAEA:</b> International Atomic Energy Agency  <b>IAF:</b> Indian Air Force  <b>IAMC:</b> Indian Army Medical Corps  <b>IAS:</b> Indian Administrative Service  <b>IATA:</b> International Air Transport Association  <b>IATT:</b> Inland Air Travel Tax  <b>IBRD:</b> International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  <b>IBEX:</b> Interstellar Boundary Explorer Mission  <b>ICANN:</b> Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  <b>ICAO:</b> International Civil Aviation Organisation  <b>ICAR:</b> Indian Council of Agricultural Research  <b>ICCR:</b> Indian Council of Cultural Relations  <b>ICCW:</b> Indian Council for Child Welfare  <b>ICDS:</b> Integrated Child Development</p>	<p><b>SDR:</b> Special Drawing Rights (created by the World Bank)  <b>SEBI:</b> Securities and Exchange Board of India  <b>SFC:</b> Strategic Forces Command  <b>SGPC:</b> Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee  <b>SIDBI:</b> Small Industries Development Bank of India  <b>SIT:</b> Special Investigation Team  <b>SITE:</b> Satellite Instructional Television Experiment  <b>SLR:</b> Statutory Liquidity Ratio  <b>SMS:</b> Short Messaging Service; Subscriber Management System  <b>SOS:</b> Save Our Souls—distress signal  <b>SPG:</b> Special Protection Group  <b>SPIN:</b> Software Process Improvement Networks  <b>SPV:</b> Solar Photo Voltaic  <b>SQUID:</b> Super-conducting Quantum Interference Device  <b>SRE:</b> Space Capsule Recovery Experiment  <b>SRV:</b> Submarine Rescue Vessel  <b>SSN:</b> Social Security Number  <b>STARS:</b> Satellite Tracking and Ranging Station  <b>START:</b> Strategic Arms Reduction Talks  <b>STEP:</b> Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park  <b>STT:</b> Securities Transaction Tax  <b>SWAN:</b> State-wide Area Network  <b>SWIFT:</b> Society for Worldwide Financial Telecommunications</p> <p><b>T</b></p> <p><b>TA:</b> Travelling Allowance; Territorial Army  <b>TAAI:</b> Travel Agents Association of India  <b>TACDE:</b> Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment  <b>TADA:</b> Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act  <b>TAPS:</b> Tarapur Atomic Power Station  <b>TB:</b> Tuberculosis  <b>TDC:</b> Transport Development Council  <b>TDS:</b> Tax Deduction at Source  <b>TDSAT:</b> Telecom Dispute Settlement Appellate Tribunal  <b>TERLS:</b> Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station  <b>TIFR:</b> Tata Institute of Fundamental Research  <b>TIN:</b> Tax Information Network  <b>TINXSYS:</b> Tax Information Exchange System  <b>TISCO:</b> Tata Iron and Steel Company  <b>TMC:</b> Terrain Mapping Camera  <b>TMO:</b> Telegraphic Money Order</p>
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Satellite Organisation <b>INMAS:</b> Institute of Nuclear Medicines and Allied Sciences <b>INS:</b> Indian Naval Ship; Indian Newspaper Society <b>INSAS:</b> Indian Small Arms System <b>INSAT:</b> Indian National Satellite <b>INTERPOL:</b> International Police Organisation <b>INTUC:</b> Indian National Trade Union Congress <b>IOC:</b> International Olympic Committee <b>IP:</b> Indian Police <b>IPC:</b> Indian Penal Code <b>IPCC:</b> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change <b>IPEC:</b> International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour <b>IPR:</b> Intellectual Property Right <b>IPS:</b> Indian Police Service; Indian Postal Service <b>IPTV:</b> Internet Protocol Television <b>IPU:</b> Inter-Parliamentary Union <b>IQ:</b> Intelligence Quotient <b>IR:</b> Infra-red <b>IRA:</b> Insurance Regulatory Authority <b>IRBM:</b> Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile <b>IREP:</b> Integrated Rural Energy Planning <b>IRS:</b> Indian Remote Sensing Satellite; Indian Revenue Service <b>ISAF:</b> International Stabilization and Assistance Force (in Afghanistan) <b>ISC:</b> Inter-State Council <b>ISCS:</b> Integrated Smart Card System <b>ISD:</b> International Subscriber Dialed (telephone) <b>ISH:</b> Information Super Highway <b>ISKCON:</b> International Society for Krishna Consciousness <b>ISO:</b> International Standardisation Organisation <b>ISP:</b> Internet Service Provider <b>ISRO:</b> Indian Space Research Organisation <b>ISS:</b> International Space Station	Development Council <b>TDS:</b> Tax Deduction at Source <b>TDSAT:</b> Telecom Dispute Settlement Appellate Tribunal <b>TERLS:</b> Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station <b>TIFR:</b> Tata Institute of Fundamental Research <b>TIN:</b> Tax Information Network <b>TINXSYS:</b> Tax Information Exchange System <b>TISCO:</b> Tata Iron and Steel Company <b>TMC:</b> Terrain Mapping Camera <b>TMO:</b> Telegraphic Money Order <b>TNT:</b> Tri-nitro-toluene (high explosive) <b>TPP:</b> 20-Point Programme <b>TRAI:</b> Telecom Regulatory Authority of India <b>TRIMs:</b> Trade Related Investment Measures <b>TRIPS:</b> Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights <b>TRP:</b> Television Rating Points; Tax Return Preparer <b>TRYSEM:</b> Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment <b>TTE:</b> Travelling Ticket Examiner <b>TTF:</b> Tourism Task Force  <b>U</b> <b>UAE:</b> United Arab Emirates <b>UAV:</b> Unmanned Aerial Vehicle <b>UF:</b> United Front <b>UFO:</b> Unidentified Flying Object <b>UGC:</b> University Grants Commission <b>ULFA:</b> United Liberation Front of Assam <b>UN:</b> United Nations <b>UNCTAD:</b> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development <b>UNDP:</b> United Nations Development Programme <b>UNEF:</b> United Nations Emergency Force <b>UNEP:</b> United Nations Environment Programme <b>UNESCO:</b> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation <b>UNFPO:</b> United Nations Fund for Population Activities <b>UNHCR:</b> United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees <b>UNHRC:</b> United Nations Human Rights Commission <b>UNI:</b> United News of India <b>UNICEF:</b> United Nations International Children's (Emergency) Fund <b>UNIDO:</b> United Nations Industrial Development Organisation <b>UNRRA:</b> United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
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