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ABBREVIATION / ACRONYMS

AD : Anno Domini

B.S. : Bikram Sambat

BoP : Balance of Payment

CEDECON : Central Department of Economics

CTC : Crush Tear Curl

FOP : Flowery Orange Pokoe

FY : Fiscal Year

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GFOP : Golden Flowery Orange Pokoe

Ha : Hectors

HHs : Households

KG : Kilograms

LTI : Laxmi Tea Industries

MA : Master of Arts

MoF : Ministry of Finance

MT : Matric Tone

NTCDB : National Tea and Coffee Development Board

NTCD : Nepal Tea Development Corporation

OP : Orange Pokoe

PCI : Per Capital Income

S.No. : Serial Number

TGFOP : Tippy Golden Flowery Orange Pekoe

UK : United Kingdom

USA : United State of America

VDC : Village Development Committee

% : Percentage

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

CCD : Commercial Crop Division

TEPC : Trade and Export Promotion Centre