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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDA	:	Center for Economic Development and Administration
DDC	:	District Development Committee
e.g.	:	For Example
ECA	:	Economic Commission for Asia
ESCAP	:	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Fig.	:	Figure
i.e.	:	That is
ILO	:	International Labour Organization
INGO	:	International Non-Governmental Organization
MA	:	Master of Arts
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
MOL	:	Ministry of Labour
No.	:	Number
SLC	:	School Leaving Certificate
NRs.	:	Nepalese Rupees
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
UAE	:	United Arab Emirates
UN	:	United Nations
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
Vol.	:	Volume