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**ABBREVIATIONS**

**A**

<b>ABM</b>	Anti Ballistic Missiles
<b>ADB</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>AERE</b>	Atomic Energy Research Establishment
<b>AFSPA</b>	Armed Forces Special Power Act
<b>AGOC</b>	Asian Games Organising Committee
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome
<b>AIIMS</b>	All India Institute of Medical Sciences
<b>ALH</b>	Advanced Light Helicopter
<b>APPLE</b>	Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment
<b>AMRUT</b>	Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>ASAT</b>	Anti-Satellite Weapon
<b>ASIAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>ASCII</b>	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
<b>ASLV</b>	Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle
<b>ASI</b>	Archaeological Survey of India
<b>ATM</b>	Automated Teller Machine
<b>ATS</b>	Anti-Terrorism Squad
<b>AU</b>	African Union
<b>AVES</b>	Acute Viral Encephalitic Syndrome

**B**

<b>BC SBI</b>	Banking Codes and Standard Board of India
<b>BARC</b>	Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
<b>BBC</b>	British Broadcasting Corporation

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<b>BCG</b>	Bacillus Calmette Guerin (Anti-Tuberculosis Vaccine)
<b>BCTT</b>	Banking Cash Transaction Tax
<b>BCCI</b>	Board for Control of Cricket in India
<b>BENELUX</b>	Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg
<b>BIMSTEC</b>	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
<b>BIS</b>	Bureau of Indian Standards
<b>BMD</b>	Ballistic Missile Defence System
<b>BPO</b>	Business Process Outsourcing
<b>BRO</b>	Border Roads Organisation

**C**

<b>CAA</b>	Citizenship Amendment Act
<b>CABE</b>	Central Advisory Board of Education
<b>CAG</b>	Comptroller and Auditor General
<b>CAPEs</b>	Computer-Aided Paperless Examination System
<b>CAZRI</b>	Central Arid Zone Research Institute
<b>CBI</b>	Central Bureau of Investigation
<b>CECA</b>	Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
<b>CFC</b>	ChlorofluoroCarbon
<b>CID</b>	Criminal Investigation Department
<b>CISF</b>	Central Industrial Security Force
<b>CITES</b>	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
<b>CNG</b>	Compressed Natural Gas
<b>COFEPOSA</b>	Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act
<b>CPCB</b>	Central Pollution Control Board
<b>CPRI</b>	Central Power Research Institute
<b>CRR</b>	Cash Reserve Ratio

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<b>CSIR</b>	R Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
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**D**

<b>DAVP</b>	Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity
<b>DDT</b>	Dichloro-Diphenyl Trichloroethane (disinfectant)
<b>DNA</b>	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
<b>DPSA</b>	Deep Penetration Strike Aircraft
<b>DPT</b>	Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus
<b>DRDO</b>	Defence Research and Development Organisation
<b>DTH</b>	Direct-to-Home (broadcasting)
<b>DVD</b>	Digital Versatile Disk

**E**

<b>ECG</b>	ElectroCardiogram
<b>EEG</b>	Electro-Encephalography
<b>EET</b>	Eastern European Time
<b>ESCAP</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
<b>EVM</b>	Electronic Voting Machine

**F**

<b>FDI</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>FII</b>	Foreign Institutional Investor
<b>FBI</b>	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<b>FERA</b>	Foreign Exchange Regulations Act
<b>FICCI</b>	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
<b>FDR</b>	Fixed Deposit Receipt
<b>FLAG</b>	Fibre Optic Link Around the Globe

**G**

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<b>GAIN</b>	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
<b>GANDHI</b>	Green Action for National Dandi Heritage Initiative
<b>GATS</b>	General Agreement on Trade in Services
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Fund
<b>GMPS</b>	Global Mobile Personal Communications System
<b>GNSS</b>	Global Navigation Satellite System
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>GSLV</b>	Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle

**H**

<b>HAC</b>	Hindustan Aluminium Corporation
<b>HAL</b>	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HTML</b>	Hypertext Markup Language
<b>HTTP</b>	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
<b>HYV</b>	High Yielding Variety

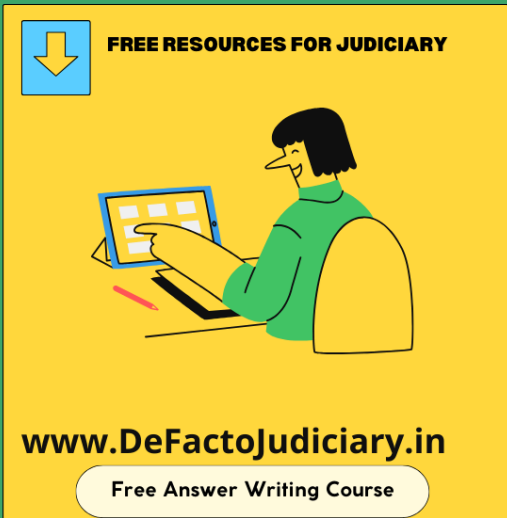
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**I**

<b>IAAI</b>	International Airport Authority of India
<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>ICAO</b>	International Civil Aviation Organisation
<b>ICAR</b>	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
<b>ICMR</b>	Indian Council of Medical Research
<b>ICRC I</b>	International Committee of the Red Cross
<b>IDBI</b>	Industrial Development Bank of India

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<b>IMA</b>	Indian Military Academy
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organisation
<b>INMAS</b>	Institute of Nuclear Medicines and Allied Sciences
<b>INSAS</b>	Indian Small Arms System
<b>INSAT</b>	Indian National Satellite
<b>INTERPOL</b>	International Police Organisation
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
<b>IRBM</b>	Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
<b>IRS</b>	Indian Remote Sensing Satellite
<b>ISCS</b>	Integrated Smart Card System
<b>ISRO</b>	Indian Space Research Organisation
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union



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<b>JNNURM</b>	Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission
<b>LCA</b>	Light Combat Aircraft
<b>LOC</b>	Line of Control

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<b>LOAC</b>	Line of Actual Control
<b>LTA</b>	Light Transport Aircraft

**M**

<b>MAT</b>	Minimum Alternative Tax
<b>METSAT</b>	Meteorological Satellite
<b>MNP</b>	Mobile Number Portability
<b>MSS</b>	Multimedia Message Service
<b>MODEM</b>	Modulator-DEModulator
<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>MRTS</b>	Mass Rapid Transit System
<b>MSP</b>	Minimum Support Price
<b>MTCR</b>	Missile Technology Control Regime

**N**

<b>NAA</b>	National Airport Authority
<b>NABARD</b>	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
<b>NADA</b>	National Anti-Doping Agency
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<b>NEERI</b>	National Environment Engineering Research Institute
<b>NATA</b>	Natural Aptitude Test for Architecture
<b>NCEP</b>	National Committee on Environmental Planning
<b>NCERT</b>	National Council of Educational Research and Training
<b>NeGP</b>	National e-governance Plan
<b>NEP</b>	National Education Policy
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environment Protection Authority
<b>NHDP</b>	National Highways Development Project
<b>NHRC</b>	National Human Right Commission

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<b>NITI</b>	National Institution fo
<b>Aayog</b>	Transforming India
<b>NRC</b>	National Register of Citizens

**O**

<b>OCI</b>	Overseas Citizenship of India
<b>OAS</b>	Organisation of American States
<b>OAU</b>	Organisation of African Unity
<b>ODS</b>	Ozone Depletion Substances
<b>OIC</b>	Organisation of Islamic Countries
<b>OPEC</b>	Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>OSCE</b>	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

**P**

<b>PURA</b>	Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas
<b>PATA</b>	Pacific Asia Travel Association
<b>POTA</b>	Prevention of Terrorism Act
<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>PSLV</b>	Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

**QR**

<b>QIB</b>	Qualified Institutional Buyer
<b>QIP</b>	Qualified Institutional Placement
<b>RAF</b>	Rapid Action Force
<b>RBI</b>	Reserve Bank of India
<b>RCC</b>	Reinforced Concrete Cement
<b>RDSS</b>	Radiodetermination Satellite Service
<b>RTGS</b>	Real Time Gross Settlement System

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<b>RTE</b>	Right to Education
<b>RTI</b>	Right to Information

**S**

<b>SAARC</b>	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
<b>SAFTA</b>	South Asian Free Trade Area
<b>SAIL</b>	Steel Authority of India Limited
<b>SAPTA</b>	SAARC Preferential Trading Agreement
<b>SATNAV</b>	SATellite NAVigation
<b>SALT</b>	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
<b>SAVE</b>	SAARC Audio Visual Exchange
<b>SCO</b>	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
<b>SEBI</b>	Securities and Exchange Board of India
<b>SIDBI</b>	Small Industries Development Bank of India
<b>SPIN</b>	Software Process Improvement Networks
<b>STARS</b>	Satellite Tracking and Ranging Station
<b>START</b>	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
<b>SWIFT</b>	Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications

**T**


<b>TADA</b>	Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
<b>TAPS</b>	Tarapur Atomic Power Station
<b>TIN</b>	Tax Identification Number
<b>TRAI</b>	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
<b>TRIPS</b>	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
<b>TVOA</b>	Tourist Visa on Arrival

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<b>UAV</b>	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
<b>UPS</b>	Uninterruptible Power Supply




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<b>VAT</b>	Value Added Tax
<b>VOIP</b>	Voice Over Internet Protocol
<b>VPN</b>	Virtual Private Network
<b>VSAT</b>	Very Small Aperture Terminals

w

<b>WADA</b>	World Anti-Doping Agency
<b>WAP</b>	Wireless Application Protocol
<b>WAVE</b>	Wireless Access for Virtual Enterprise

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<b>WFP</b>	World Food Programme
<b>WFTU</b>	World Federation of Trade Unions
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organisation
<b>WLL</b>	Wireless in Local Loop
<b>WWW</b>	World Wide Web

**XY&Z**

<b>XML</b>	Extensible Markup Language
<b>YWCA</b>	Young Women's Christian Association
<b>ZSI</b>	Zoological Survey of India
<b>ZUPO</b>	Zimbabwe United People Organisation

