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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

RNP(B)  Report on the Native Papers in Bengal.

RNEP(B)  Report on the Native-owned English Newspapers in Bengal.

HFM(B)  Materials on the History of the Freedom Movement in Bengal (excerpts from Intelligence Branch Records preserved in the West Bengal State Archives).


Home Public Progs  Unpublished Home Department
Home Political Progs  Proceedings of the Government of
                      India, preserved in the National
                      Archives of India.

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