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TERMS AND TERMINOLOGY

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Mul: State

Prathamik: Primary Unit

Sanghati: Order

Satra: Religious Institution

Zila: District