Indian languages are rich in compounding and this preference is carried over to Indian English as well. Even in situations where the native English preference is to use a phrase, the Indian preference is to use a compound.

Here are some examples of standard Indian English compounds. What do you think they mean?

1. black money = ____________________________
2. auto-rickshaw = ____________________________
3. pass percentage = ____________________________
4. plate meal = ____________________________
5. god-woman = ____________________________
6. kitty-party = ____________________________
7. creamy layer = ____________________________
8. eve-teaser = ____________________________
9. speed breaker = ____________________________
10. car-lifter = ____________________________
11. child-lifter = ____________________________
India’s Caste System

BRAHMIN
Priests

KSHATRIYAS
Warriors and rulers

VAISYAS
Skilled traders, merchants, and minor officials

SUDRAS
Unskilled workers

PARIAH
"Harijans"
Outcastes, "Untouchables," "Children of God"