EXPLANATORY NOTES ON CERTAIN TERMS

Land Revenue Circle: It comprises of an area of some villages from where Land Revenue is collected by the Land Revenue Department of the Government.

Gaon Panchayat: This is a body of the village people who administer some affairs of the villagers including the development of the villages and the villagers, as a result of decentralisation of power to the Panchayat by the Govt.

Bil: It is a shallow pool of water which form in a depressed area generally situated along abandoned river courses.

Char: This is a sandy riverine island situated in and along river banks in the flood plain region.

Char-settlement: A Cadastrely served rural settlement situated in riverine char area and treated as a village.

Tea Garden settlement: A tea garden with its housing of the staff and workers treated as a village (rural settlement). Such a settlement is cadastrally surveyed and is shown in cadastral maps of the Revenue Department.

Village: The only type of cadastrally surveyed settlement in Assam. The term 'rural settlement' and village may be used as complementary to each other in the case of Assam.