Glossary

1) **Aadhi** – To let out land to another on the understanding of getting half the produce of the same.

2) **Abakari** – Excise duty on drugs and liquor.

3) **Amlah/Omlah** – An Agent or Officer.

4) **Arkatti** – Recruiting Agent.

5) **Bari** – Garden Land.

6) **Bigha** – Approximately one third of an acre. (1 Bigha = 5 Katha: I katha – a measure of land equal to 2880 square fit).

7) **Char/Chapari** – Highland formed by the deposit of silt on the banks of a river.

8) **Chowkey** – A Frontier outpost.

9) **Dewani/Mathar** – the headman of a Bengali Muslim immigrant village in the Brahmaputra Valley.

10) **Debottar** - Rent free grant of land given in support of a deity.

11) **Faringati** – Dry land, fit for highland crop.

12) **Golah** – A shop.

13) **Gossain** – A Brahmin Preceptor.

14) **Gote** - A unit of three or four Paiks.

15) **Hat** – Periodical market.

16) **Jhum** – A shifting or slash and burn system of cultivation prevalent in the hilly areas of Assam.

17) **Kala – Azar** – Black fever.

18) **Kani** – Opium.
19) **Kayah** – Marwari merchant.

20) **Khel** – A division or unit of Assamese subjects having to perform specific services to the state under the Ahom rule presided over by a Phukan or Barua and commanded by a gradation of officers.

21) **Khiraj** – Land assessed with revenue.

22) **Koote** – A business establishment.

23) **Lakhiraj** – A rent free grant of land.

24) **Mandal** – A village surveyor in government employ.

25) **Maund** – A measure of weight equivalent to a little more than 82.1 lbs.

26) **Mauza** – A fiscal division of a district.

27) **Mauzadar** – A revenue collecting officer in charge of a mauza.

28) **Moharrer** – A clerk.

29) **Moria** – A class of manufacturer of brass metal utensils belonging to the Muslim community of Assam.

30) **Mymensinghia** – A native of the district of Mymensing of Eastern Bengal. Most of the Bengali Muslim immigrants were referred as Mymensinghias notwithstanding their place of origin, in the pre independent Assam as most of these immigrants hailed from the Mymensingh district.

31) **Nisf** – **Khiraj** – Land assessed at half the usual rate of revenue.

32) **Paam** – Land taken up at a distance from home usually for temporary cultivation.

33) **Paik** – An enrolled adult subject of the Ahom government having specific duties to render to the state for fixed periods of the year.

34) **Pathsala** – Primary schools.
35) **Patta** – A lease deed of land.

36) **Pura** – Approximately three fourth acre of land.

37) **Rupit** – Fit for lowland paddy cultivation. Arable land on which transplanted paddy or winter crop is grown.

38) **Ryot** – Peasant/cultivator.

39) **Ryotwari** System – Under this system every registered holder of land is recognized as the proprietor of land and is held responsible for direct payment of land revenue to the state.

40) **Satra** – A Vaisnavite monastery in Assam.

41) **Satradhikar** – Head of the Satra.

42) **Seer** – One fortieth of a maund.

43) **Zamindar** - A hereditary collector of revenue

44) **Zamindary** System – Under this System of land tenure the Zaminder was recognized as the owner who could mortgage, bequeath and sell the land and the state held the Zaminder responsible for the payment of land revenue.