

GLOSSARY

Ad-maha – equivalent to one-eighth of a rupee

Akai muthi - Bodo word for Handhold

Basti – Homestead

Baukha- A piece of bamboo split tapering in both ends used for carrying load on the shoulder.

Bor Kapor – Broad Cloth

Chang- a platform/ raised structure built above the ground.

Charitya – Equivalent to one-sixteenth of a rupee

Cowries - Conch shells were used as an equivalent for money in early

Darbar – Court

Dholta- Assamese word for bonus quantity

Dhon jukha - Assamese word for accurate weight measurement

Dhuti - Loincloth of a male tied round his waist

Dre and Putta- vessels for weighing the volumes of cereals and flour.

Duar - A strip of land between Assam and Bhutan or mountain passes

Duoria- An officer in charge of a Duar

Endi or Eri - Type of thread produced by worm fed on the leaves of castor plant; the thread is woven into piece cloth, which is worn in the winters in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam

Faringati - High land

Gamocho - Hand-woven towel

Haat - A periodical market

Hagrahs- Tall grass

Jabrang- it is a spice Scientific name *Zanthoxylum Oxyphyllum*

Kalah- Assamese word for big earthen jar

Keyas - A merchant from Rajasthan

Kopah- Cotton of Bombax ceiba

Kumar – Blacksmith

Kurta - An upper garment

Liby- Bodo word of Darrang district for the pea (*Pisum sativum*)

Mahajan - A moneylender

Mahal - A revenue-paying unit

Mahal- A division of a circle

Maund - A unit of weight equal to 37.35 kg.

Mauza - A fiscal unit

Moamaria - Tribe, disciples of Moamaria or Mayamara Satra

Mudai – Merchant

Munjit - A kind of dye

Paik or pyke - An Assamese ryot whose duty was to render services to the king and state at fixed periods of the year

Palki – Palanquin

Pan Tamool- Betel Nut and Betel leaf

Pat - A kind of natural silk of Assam

Penlop- Governor of a division

Pohari - Petty trader

Posa - Personal service and produce payable to the hillmen

Rupit - Paddy land

Ryot - Peasant cultivator

Sang- Traditional weighing scale of the Bhutias

Sangi- A device used for carrying objects by two persons.

Seer - A unit of weight equal to one-fortieth (1/40) maunds (less than a kilogram- 933.10 kilogram)

Sicca - A rupee issued in Bengal before 1836 weighing more than the rupee of the British East India Company

Sungas- A bamboo container

Tahsil - A revenue estate

Tahsildar - Officer-in-charge of a subdivision of a district to collect revenue

Tangan- Bhutia horse

Thangla- Bodo word for not going further.

Tola - A measure of weight equal to 11.66 grams (96 ratti or 16 ana)

Zinkaff- Officer-in-charge