## Glossary of Terms

Abwab Miscellaneous cesses levied by the chief.

Adalat A Court of Justice.

Ianajati Tribal people.

**Amin** Collector of revenue in the state.

Amla A native officer of judicial or revenue court.

Andhari Kutchery Night court.

Anna The 16th part of a rupee.

**Asar** The Oriya month corresponding to June.

**Ashram** Asylum for recluses.

Baboo A title of respect attached to a name.

Bakshi or Buxi Commander-in-Chief of the Raja.

Bazar Marketing complex.

Bebarta Chief officer of an estate.

Bethi Forced labour.

Begari Forced labour without payment for public

service.

Behera A domestic servant, circulator of Raja's Order,

news, letters by hand to hand.

Behera Pradhan Chief of Beheras.

Bhang An intoxicating preparation hemp.

Bheti A sort of tribute collected by Raja from the

ryots on Suniya.

Bhuyan A class of tribal people.

Bidi A sort of cigar.

Biri Blackgram.

Biswa A village measurement worth about 75 grams.

Bisoi Tribal head.

Brahmin The highest caste of Hindu society entrusted

with religious affairs.

Bund Small dam.

**Bungalow** Rest-house for travellers built by the government.

Bustee Residential area of low-class people.

Charkha Spinning wheel.

Chasa Cultivator.

Cheyt An Oriya month corresponding to

March-April.

Choukidar A village watchman.

Circar An administrative unit.

Cooli Labourer of inferior rank.

Cowree A small shell used as money, which is one-sixth

of an anna.

Cutchery A court, an office.

Dak Letter post.

Dakua Night watchman in royal service.

**Dalbehera** An officer in the command of the Paiks in the

state.

**Dandapat** An administrative division or unit in the state

composing a number of villages.

Darogah A customs, excise or police officer.

Dasi Concubine.

**Debottar** Lands assigned for the worship of an idol.

Dharma Adalat Religious court.

Dharma Sabha An association of influential Hindus to uphold

their religion.

Dhobi Washerman.

**Diwan** Chief executive officer in the state.

Diwani Adalat Civil court.

Dom A lower caste Hindu.

**Durbar** A royal court.

**Dushera** A religious festival of Hindus for worshipping

goddess Durga.

Faujdar An officer enjoying both civil and military

power over one division.

Gadi Throne; the seat of royalty.

Gajapati The name by which the King of Puri is

generally known.

Ganda A low caste Hindu.

Ganja A kind of intoxicating drug prepared from the

hemp (Cannabis).

Garh A hill fort.

Garjat The lands constituted of mountains fortresses.

Garnaik A military commander in charge of a fort; a

village head.

Gaud Milkman.

Ghat A landing place near river bank for loading and

unloading of goods from the boats.

Gountia A village headman in the Sambalpur state.

Encircling and not allowing the officer to go

without yielding to the agitator's demand.

Gunda Hooligan.

Gherao

Guru A religious preceptor among the Hindus.

Hadi A low caste Hindu.

Harijan Scheduled caste group.

Hartal Strike.Hat Market.

Hatikheda A special ditch for trapping wild elephants.Hizrat To move enmasse from one place to other due

to excessive oppression.

Hingula A popular Hindu goddess.

Jagir Revenue free land held on condition of

rendering service to the chief.

Jagirdar The holder of Jagir.

Jatra or Yatra A religious festival.

Jema Princess.

Jestha The name of an Oriya month, corresponding to

May-June.

Juanga A hill tribe.

Jubaraj or Yuvaraj Crown prince.

Jungle A forest.

Kabuliyat A written agreement.

Kahana An honorary degree for writing epic.

Kahana A measure equal to 1280 cowries.

Kali A popular Hindu goddess.

Kara Tax.

Kazi A Muslim magistrate.

Khadi Home-spun coarse cotton cloth.

Khaki Inferior quality cloth resembling in colour the

groundnuts.

Khalsa Lands comprised of revenue-paying estate.

Khamar Grain store; a land granted to relatives of royal

family for their maintenance.

Khandual Watcher of weapon house.

Khansama Royal cook.

Khas An estate managed by government.
Kheda An enclosure to capture elephant.

Khilat A dress of honour, presented by the Raja or superior

authority to a subordinate as a mark of distinction.

**Khond or Kondhs** A class of wild tribe.

Killah Fortress under jurisdiction of the tributary Raja.

Kol Tribal people.

Krushak or Fa

Krishak

Farmer.

**Kulta** A word used in western Orissa meaning farmer.

Kumar The son of a king next to the eldest son.

Lakhiraj Rent-free land for some particular purpose.

Lathi A bamboo stick used by the police constable as

a weapon.

Magan Fees exacted by the Raja from the tenants

mostly for social rituals.

Mahal An estate, a revenue-paying unit.

Mahanta The abbot of a monastery.

MahaRaja Emperor.

Makkaddam or A village proprietor who pays through a

Mukkaddum superior.

Mali Gardener.

Malikana Proprietorship.

Mana A land measurement of 60 decimals (when one

acre is 100 decimals).

Mandal Peasant body.Matha Monastery.

Mauza A village or a group of villages.

Meli Rebellion.

Meriah Human sacrifice performed by tribals like Kandhs.

Mofussil Village area.

Mughalbandi The cultivated-coastal belt of Orissa (Cuttack,

Puri and Balasore Districts) under direct administration of British from which the Mughal emperors derived their revenues.

Mukdab or Makdab Primary school of Muslims.

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Mukhtyar or Muktair An authorised agent; junior pleader.

Mung Greengram.Naib A deputy.

Naik The head of a small body of the Paiks generally

in charge of a village.

Nawab A Muslim ruler.

**Nazarana** Gift from an inferior to a superior.

Nimak-haram Betrayer.

Niskara Lands exempted from tax.

Nizamat Adalat The Supreme Court of Criminal Justice.

Nuzzer or Nazar A court official.

Paik Foot soldier of Raja holding lands on tenure of

military service.

Pan The betel leaf.

Pana A low caste employee.

Pania Water carrier.

Panchayat A native court of arbitration.

Panda A priest of a Hindu temple.

Pandit A learned Brahmin with the knowledge of

Sanskrit study.

Pargana A subdivision of a district.

Parishad Council.

Parwana or

An order or a letter under royal seal.

Purwana

Pattah Guaranteed deed.

Pattayat The scion of the king who does not have a

claim on the gadi.

Peshcus A tribute.

Pradhan Village headman.
Praja Parishad People's council.
Qanungo or Revenue officer.

Kanungo

Qubulnamah Acknowledgement of rights.

Rabi The spring harvest.

Raiyat or Ryot Cultivator.
Raj Crown.
Raja King.

Raj Purohit Royal priest.
Rani Hindu queen.
Rajbati Royal palace.

Rasad or Russud Supply of necessities to the officers to their

camping ground.

Ratha Car.
Ressums Ration.

Srabana The Oriya month corresponding to

September-October.

Sadak Road.

Sahara A scheduled tribe.

Samant Nobles.
Sammilani Conference.

Salami A complementary present.

Sanad A document conferring privileges under the seal

of the ruling authority.

Sangha Association.

Sarbarakar A title given to the village headman in the

states.

Sardar A chief or commander.

Sati or Suttee The rite of widow burning alive with the

husband's funeral pyre.

SatyaGarha Protest demonstration in peaceful manner.

SatyaGarhi One who participates in SatyaGarha.

Sawar A scheduled caste group.

Sena Soldier.

Ser or Seer A measure of weight.

**Sepoy** A soldier of India dressed in European style.

Shikar Sport in the sense of hunting.
Sonia or Suniya The Oriya New Year's Day.

Subah or Soobah A large division or province of the Mughal

Empire.

Swaraj Self-government.

TahsildarThe chief native revenue officer.TalukAn estate smaller than a zamindari.

Tamakhu Tobacco.

Thana A police station.

Tol Indigenous Sanskrit school.

Tola A measure of weight.

Umlee Year commencing between 27 August and

26 September.

Vaidya A traditional village doctor using herbal

medicine.

Zamindar A landlord; a proprietor directly responsible to

the state for the revenue of the land he possess.

Zamindari The tract of land consisting the possession of

zamindar.

Zenana A secluded house for women members of the

family.

Zilla A division or district.