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Glossary

Asomiya	: Assamese
Jati	: Nationality
Na-Axomiya	: New Assamese
Pamua	: Farmers
Charua	: Char Residents) Or Miya,
Geda	: Filthy
Xanmiholi	: Mixed
Burqa	: A type of veil covering whole body except eyes
Imams	: Person who leads the Prayer
Maulabis	: Religious Teacher
Mufti	: Islamic jurist qualified to issue a nonbinding opinion (fatwa) on a point of Islamic law (sharia).
Shariat	: Islamic Law
Mekhela Chador	: Traditional Assamese Dress Worn by Women
Fiqh	: Islamic jurisprudence.
Talaq	: Divorce
Uroni	: Type of Head Cover
Hijab	Type of Face and Head Covering
Niqab	Type of Face Covering
Abayas	: Loose-fitted robe worn around the body to cover the whole body, except the face, hands, and feet.
Ghoonghat,	: The lower part of a sari used to cover the head and the entire face.
Purdah	: Practised primarily on Northern Indian Hindu women after marriage, is known as Ghoonghat
Surma	: Type of Kajal
Hajji	: A Muslim who has been to Mecca as a pilgrim.
Jalsa	: Public Gathering
Wahabi	: Religious Ideological Thoughts of Islam
Barelvi	: Religious Ideological Thoughts of Islam
Illa	: The husband takes an oath not to have sexual intercourse

- with his wife
- Zihar : Zihar means a husband telling his wife: "You are to me like the back of my mother
- Lian : Judicial Talaq taken by wife from husband through court on only one ground
- Khula : Divorce with mutual consent and at the instance of a wife in which she agrees to give some consideration to her husband
- Mehram : Relative with whom marriage is prohibited
- Nafil : Not obligatory