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## GLOSSARY

Abadi—Inhabited spot or place

Ala Malikiyat—Superior ownership in the case of land in
which the proprietary rights

Alsi-Linseed

are divided

Amaltas—The Indian Laburnum (Cassia fistula)

Bajra—Bulrush or spiked millet Balwadi—A community centre for children

Ban—Thick twine made of munj Bangar—Table land

Banjar-A barren or uncultivated land

Baraat—A marriage party

Baraati—A member of the marriage party

Barani-Dependent on rain

Barothi-Same as milni

Barseem-A fodder crop

Basti-An inhabited place

Baya-A weaver-bird, a tailor-bird

Ber—Fruit of the jujube, plum (Zizyphus jujuba)

Beri-Jujube

Bhajan-A devotional song

Bhai-chara—Brotherhood

Bhikshu-A Buddhistic monk

Bigha—A measure of land, fiveeighth of an acre

Biswansi—A measure of land, onetwentieth of a biswa

Biswa-A measure of land, onetwentieth of a bigha

Chaddar-A sheet of cloth

Chakki-Stone handmill, or grinding mill run by power

Chamar—A caste (of leatherworkers and tanners) Chandna—A sheet of cloth or mantle worn by a woman for covering the head and upper half of the body

Chapati-Flat unleavened bread

Chari-A kharif forage crop

Charkha-Spinning wheel

Charsa—A device used for drawing water for irrigation

Chinkara—Gazelle

Chopal—A village guest house Chopar—A game like back-gammon which is played with three long dices

Chowkidari—Engaging a watchman, Institution of Chowkidar

Chunni—A piece of dyed cloth used by women as breasts and head cover

Dai-Midwife

Dangal-A wrestling tournament

Deila-A kind of grass

Desi-Indigenous

Dhaba—Eating house

Dhak-Butea frondosa

Dhanak—Sweeper caste: also cloth weavers and agricultural labourers

Dhoti—A long piece of cotton cloth (usually 5½ metres in length) worn round the waist both by men and women though in a different style

Dhunnia-A cotton-comber

Dola-A closed litter

Drek—A tree (Malia azedarach linn)

Dub—A kind of green grass Cynodon dactylon

Dupatta—A kind of scarf worn by women to cover breasts and head Ekka—A springless two-wheeled pony cart

Gatha—A unit of measure equal to 2.5146 metres

Ghagri—A skirt from waist to knee

Ghani-Oil crusher

Gher-A circuit

Ghilri—An earthen pot (used in kitchen) for melting ghee

Ghurchari—The ceremony in which the bridegroom, at the time of marriage, goes to the bride's house (to be married) on a mare

Gora—A place outside the village where cattle are collected before letting them out for daily outing

Gram Sabha—Village Assembly
Gur—Unrefined sugar in lumps
Gurukul—Oriental institution of
learning specialising in Sanskrit and Hindi

Gwara—A pulse (Cyamopsis psoralioides)

Hathai-Same as chopal

Hiran-A deer

Hundi-Bill of exchange

Idgah—The place where Mohammedans assemble for prayer on the Id festival

Jaimala—The garland which the bride puts around the neck of the bridegroom

Jul-A tree (Salvadora oleoides)

Jaman-A kind of black plum

Jand-Prosopis cineraria

Jeth—The husband's elder brother

Jethi—The wife of husband's elder brother Jokha-One who feeds fire at the time of making gur

Jogi-A sect of Hindu ascetics Johar-A tank or pond

Jowar-Large millet (Andropogon sorghum)

Julaha-A caste (of weavers)

Jumper—A woman's garment like a blouse

Kachcha—Clay-built, undeveloped Kacheras—Name of a tribe

Kaghzi lime—A kind of lime (with a thin rind)

Kana-Commelina

Kanal—A measure of land, 500 square yards

Kankar-Limestone nodules

Kangna—The string which is tied round the wrist of the bridegroom at the time of marriage

Kanpara, Kanphatta—A disciple of Gorakhnath (who has pierced ears)

Kans-Saccharum Spontaneum

Kansi-Bell-metal

Kasar—Wheat meal fried with ghee and mixed with sugar

Khadar—Low-lying land near river

Khadi—Hand-spun and handwoven cotton cloth

Khandsari—Indigenous white sugar

Kharif-Autumn harvest

Khes—A thick cotton sheet, also used as a blanket

Kho Kho-An indigenous game

Kikar—The Babul tree, the Acacia tree

Kumhar-A caste (of potters)

Kurta-A kind of shirt

Lehnga-A petticoat, a skirt

Mahal-Estate

Majholi—Bullock cart used for riding

Malta-Sweet lime

Mandi-A market place

Mandir-A temple

Mash—A pulse (phaseolous radiatus)

Mata—Sitla Mata— goddess of smallpox

Math-A monastery

Methi—A fodder crop (Trigonella foenumgraecum), a small plant, the leaves of which are used as vegetable, fenugreek

Milni—A custom among Hindus observed during the marriage ceremony when the relatives of the bridegroom and bride embrace each other

Moong-A pulse

Moorha-A stool (made of reeds or cane and cord)

Moth-A pulse

Mundan—The shaving of hair on a child's head for the first time

Munj—A kind of coarse grass used for making ropes, mats, etc. (Erianthus)

Muthia—One who feeds the canecrusher

Nadi-A stream

Nagar Khana—A room for placing the kettledrum

Nawabi-The office of a Nawab

Nazar—An offering, a gift, a present

Neem-Margosa tree

Neota-Invitation, treat

Niwar—About 3 inches wide cotton tape used for stringing bedstead

Orhni-A mantlet

Pachotra—A surcharge of 5 per cent, on the revenue paid to village headmen

Pakava—One who stirs the boiling molasses at the time of making gur

Palang-Bedstead

Palla-End of a garment

Panchayat-Village assembly

Panchayat Ghar—Village community hall

Panch-Member of a panchayat

Pandit—Religious teacher, a title of respect to Hindus who are learned in the Brahmanical theology

Panghat—A quay from which people draw water

Pata or Prastha—An ancient administrative unit

Patsan—Daccan hemp (Hibiseus cannabinus)

Patti-Section of a village

Peapal, pipal—Sacred tree of Hindus (Ficus Religiosa)

Peera-A kind of stool

Penja-See Dhunnia

Phalsa—A small fruit (grewie asiatica) of the summer season

Phera—A part of the marriage ceremony among Hindus in which the bride and the bridegroom go round the sacred fire

Phulkari—Flowered figured cloth Qamiz—A shirt

Rabi-Spring harvest

Rajbaha-A canal distributary

Rassagir-Cattle-lifter

Rath-A chariot, a carriage

Risaldar—An officer of Indian infantry

Rokna—A ceremony preceding marriage among Hindus whereby the boy is reserved as a bridegroom for the prospective bride

Roti-Same as chapati

Sadachar-Good conduct

Sadhu-Hindu medicant or ascetic

Sagai-Betrothal, an engagement

Salwar-A kind of trousers worn by women

Samadh-Mausoleum

Samadhi—Shrine built on a place where a person is cremated or where ashes of a person are buried

San-A kind of flax, hemp

Sanskara-Rite

Sanwak-Panicum colonum

Sari—A long piece of cloth (usually 5½ metres) worn by women round the waist passing over the head

Sarkar—The sub-division of a suba, a district in pre-British days

Sarpanch—The headman of a village

Sarson—Indian colza; an oil-seed (Brassica campestris)

Satsang—Intercourse with good pesrons, society of pious persons Satyagrahi—One who offers passive resistance

Sehra-Bridal chaplet

Senji-A forage crop

Shakkar-Unrefined cane-sugar

Shisham—The Indian rosewood tree (Dalbergia sisu)

Shradh, Shraddha—Ceremony for the propitiation of the dead

Siri-A share-holder

Sootgola-Cotton yarn

Sufedposhi—Institution of Sufedposh, a village official

Surahi—A long-necked flask, a gugglet

Taccavi—Agricultural loans granted by Government

Talukdari—Superior proprietorship

Tandoor-Oven

Taramira-Oil-seed (Eruca sativa)

Thana—Police station, Police circle

Thela-Trolly or wheelbarrow

Tikka-Same as rokna

Til—Sesamum; oil-seed (Sesamum indicum)

Tira-Same as taramira

Tirphali—An agricultural implement

Toria-Indian rape; an oil-seed

Yoga—One of the six schools of Hindu philosophy, a union with the universal soul by means of contemplation

Zaildar—An influential man in charge of a zail (a sub-division of a tahsil)