

APPENDIX - I

GLOSSARY

<i>Ajan</i>	Call for Prayer.
<i>Allah</i>	The name of God among Muslims
<i>Asraf</i>	The Muslims claiming their descent from any of the four groups of foreign origin i.e. <i>Sayed, Sekh, Mughal</i> and <i>Pathan</i>
<i>Ajlaf</i>	The Indigenous converts from clean occupational caste into Islam in India.
<i>Arzal</i>	The Indigenous converts from unclean occupational caste into Islam in India.
<i>Basti</i>	Popular term for locality in Darjeeling hills.
<i>Birathari</i>	Unilateral descent group based on kinship among the Hindi speaking Indian Muslims.
<i>Berehvi</i>	A Sunni sub-sect of Indian sub-continent originated at the theological school at Berehli, Uttar Pradesh.
<i>Burkha</i>	An enveloping outer garment worn by Muslim women for the purpose of hiding their body when in public
<i>Chourasta</i>	Meeting place of four roads.
<i>Deobandi</i>	A Sunni sub-sect of Indian sub-continent originated at the theological school at Deoband, Uttar Pradesh.
<i>Dargah</i>	Graveyard of Muslim saint or priest.
<i>Dupatta</i>	A small cotton or silk cloth
<i>Estema</i>	Muslim congregation.
<i>Fatwa</i>	Religious Verdict
<i>Fitna</i>	Arabic word meaning potential disorder
<i>Garib</i>	Social class for poor.

<i>Hadish</i>	A collection of traditions containing sayings of the prophet Muhammad
<i>Jat</i>	Popular term for occupational caste.
<i>Jhora</i>	A natural body of running water flowing on the earth.
<i>Khada</i>	A silk or synthetic cloth robe
<i>Kima</i>	Chopped pieces of meat.
<i>Khanquah</i>	Places where the <i>pir</i> cultivate their spiritual practices.
<i>Maktab</i>	Arabic word meaning elementary schools.
<i>Madrasa</i>	Schools for teaching Islamic theology.
<i>Mureed</i>	Followers of the <i>pir</i> .
<i>Momo</i>	A dumpling meatball.
<i>Masjid</i>	A place of warship for the followers of Islam.
<i>Maulavi</i>	A man learned in Islamic knowledge.
<i>Mazar</i>	A grave.
<i>Meher or Mohar</i>	A sum of money which the husband has to give his wife any time after marriage and in case there is a divorce the amount has to be given her immediately.
<i>Muharram</i>	A festival to commemorate the martyrdom of Hassan and Hussain - the son of Ali and Fatima.
<i>Namaz</i>	The Islamic form of prayer.
<i>Nikah</i>	Marriage in Islamic way.
<i>Nikah Nama</i>	Certificate of Muslim marriage.
<i>Pahadi or Paharia</i>	Inhabitants of the hill regions
<i>Pir</i>	Spiritual specialists.
<i>Purdah</i>	Seclusion or veiling of women.
<i>Qureshi</i>	A Muslim occupational group or <i>jat</i> whose traditional occupation was animal slaughter.

<i>Quran</i>	The Holy book of Muslims
<i>Ramzan</i>	The nine month of the Islamic year.
<i>Roja</i>	Fasting for religious cause for the followers of Islam.
<i>Rais</i>	Status group for rich person.
<i>Sunna</i>	The traditional portion of Muslim law based on Muhammad's words or acts, accepted as authoritative by Muslims and followed particularly by Sunni Muslims.
<i>Sunni</i>	One of the two main branches of Islam who practices the oral traditions of Muhammad as customary.
<i>Shia</i>	Second main branches of Islam who believe that only the decedents of Mohammad have the customary spiritual and political right to rule over the community
<i>Silsila</i>	Process of respective spiritual practices.
<i>Shariat</i>	Sacred laws of Islam.
<i>Sura</i>	A division of the Quran often referred to as a chapter
<i>Tajtiya</i>	Representation of the tomb of Hassan and Hussain who lost their life at Karbala during Muharram.
<i>Talak</i>	Divorce among the Muslim families
<i>Thukpa</i>	A popular Bhutia dish of noodles with soup.
<i>Ummah</i>	Arabic word meaning Muslim community or people.
<i>Urna</i>	A small cotton or silk cloth synonymous to <i>dupatta</i>
<i>Wakf</i>	A permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties for religious, pious or charitable purposes as recognized by Muslim Law.
<i>Zamindar</i>	A landowner, especially one who leases his land to tenant farmers.
<i>Zakat</i>	Obligatory payment made annually under Islamic law on certain kinds of property and used for charitable and religious purposes