

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<i>Agraharams</i>	:	Brahmin localities in villages
<i>Ahars</i>	:	Irrigation tanks typical to Bihar
<i>Anganwadi</i>	:	Nursery for pre-school children
<i>Ayacut</i>	:	Command area of an irrigation system
<i>Bandharas</i>	:	Diversion structures on streams and rivers
<i>Brahmadeya</i>	:	Villages granted to Brahmins in medieval Tamil kingdom
<i>Bund</i>	:	Embankment
<i>Calingulas</i>	:	Waste weirs
<i>Cent</i>	:	A hundredth of an acre
<i>Cowle</i>	:	An agreement with a landholder
<i>Damoosie</i>	:	A system of water sharing among farmers in certain parts of Karnataka
<i>Eri</i>	:	Irrigation tank in Tamilnadu
<i>Eriyam</i>	:	Tank cess
<i>Eripatti</i>	:	Gift of land made for maintenance to tank made in Tamilnadu
<i>Gaon</i>	:	Village
<i>Godage</i>	:	Comparable to <i>eripatti</i> , prevalent in Karnataka
<i>Inam</i>	:	Land given rent-free under certain conditions
<i>Inamdar</i>	:	Person accepting land as inam
<i>Irai-Kaval</i>	:	Capitalised value of annual dues chargeable to particular plots of land in medieval Tamil kingdoms
<i>Jallikattu</i>	:	Bull fight
<i>Jamabandi</i>	:	Annual estimation of land revenue
<i>Kadu</i>	:	Forest
<i>Kudimaramath:</i>	:	Customary joint village labour for public works
<i>Kulapatti</i>	:	Another term for <i>kodigi</i> .
<i>Maniyam</i>	:	Grant
<i>Mha</i>	:	Million hectares
<i>Mirasdars</i>	:	Big landowner
<i>Nadhi</i>	:	River
<i>Nadu</i>	:	Administrative territorial division
<i>Neerkatties</i>	:	Traditional water distributors in Tamilnadu
<i>Nirganti</i>	:	Same as above in Karnataka
<i>Nunjah</i>	:	Wet, or irrigated land
<i>Nyaya Panchayat</i>	:	Informal courts of justice
<i>Panchayatdars</i>	:	Members of Panchayats
<i>Pattadar</i>	:	Person holding the land right
<i>Pattas</i>	:	Land title deed

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<i>Porambokes</i>	:	Officially designated common lands
<i>Puras</i>	:	Villages in Karnataka
<i>Pynes</i>	:	Extended irrigation canals in Bihar
<i>Raiyat/Ryot</i>	:	Farmer
<i>Talaiyari</i>	:	Traditional assistant to village accountant
<i>Ur</i>	:	Village in Tamil Nadu
<i>Urar</i>	:	Governing body of village in medieval Tamil Nadu
<i>Valanadus</i>	:	Territorial divisions in medieval S.India
<i>Vattam</i>	:	Cycle of turns in distribution of water
<i>Vettiyan</i>	:	Traditional general purpose village functionary in Tamil Nadu
<i>Waddiwars</i>	:	Brick layers