

THE ASSAM LAND AND REVENUE REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026.

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BILL

further to amend the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886.

Preamble

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, to protect and preserve the surrounding land of the iconic heritage institutions from encroachment and damage and to maintain the culture, heritage and demography of that area hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulation, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

Regulation No I
of 1886

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title,
extent and
commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2026.
- (2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Regulation.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of
section 3

2. In the principal Act, in section 3, after clause (n), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(q) “iconic heritage institutions” mean the institutions, buildings, artifacts, structures and constructions having archeological or historical or aesthetic or cultural significance which are reflective of the socio-cultural and religious ethos of the State and are of at least 250 years old;

(r) “territory of iconic heritage institution” means the geographical area within a radius of 5 kilometers, in all directions surrounding the boundary of the iconic heritage institutions declared as protected heritage area by notification published in the Official Gazette by the Government from time to time as per section 176.

(s) “original inhabitant” means a person, who have been living in that area along with his family for last three generations upto 1st January of 2006.

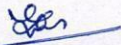
Explanation: One generation means a period of twenty five years of continuous living.

(t) “indigenous ethnic community” means group of people belonging to Moran, Matak, Chutia, Koch Rajbanshi and Ahom.

(u) “disadvantaged group” means the people belonging to tea, adivasi (list as annexed in the Schedule) and other communities as notified by the Government from time to time.

Insertion of new
Chapter

3. In the principal Regulation, after Chapter XI, the following new Chapter XII shall be inserted, namely:—


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“CHAPTER XII

PROTECTION OF LAND SURROUNDING THE ICONIC HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS

Territory of heritage institutions to be notified	176.	Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore or in this regulation, the State Government may by notification published in the Official Gazette declare the geographical territory surrounding the iconic heritage institutions as protected heritage areas.
Certain actions prohibited	177.	(1) No person shall acquire or possess by transfer, exchange, lease, agreement or settlement of any land surrounding the iconic heritage institutions declared as protected areas under section 176, unless he is an original inhabitant of that area as defined in clause (s) of section 3 without prior approval of the Government. (2) No person who have been unauthorisedly occupying or possessing any land surrounding the iconic heritage institutions shall acquire any right, title or interest over such land on the basis of their tenure of possession or occupation. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in this Regulation or any other laws, for the time being in force, the District Commissioner of the district, may evict the unauthorized occupants from the territory of the protected heritage area, other than the persons belonging to the Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes, indigenous ethnic community and disadvantaged groups.
Power to make rules	178.	The State Government may by notification published in the Official Gazette, make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Chapter.
Act to override other laws	179.	The provisions of this Act, shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other state laws for the time being in force, or any custom or usage having the force of law or contract or judgement, decree or order of a court or any other authority.
Savings	180.	Nothing contained in this Chapter of the Act shall be construed to override or inconsistent or affect the provisions of the Ancient Monument and Archaeological sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the Schedules Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006, or any other Act made by Parliament and rules or notifications made thereunder, except to the extent that is defined in this Act, and the provisions of the Act shall operate without prejudice to the said Acts.”

Central Act
No.24 of 1958

Central Act
No.2 of 2007



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অসম ভূমি আৰু ৰাজহ বিনিয়ম (সংশোধন) বিধেয়ক, ২০২৬

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বিধেয়ক

অসম ভূমি আৰু ৰাজহ বিনিয়ম, ১৮৮৬ ৰ পৰৱৰ্তী সংশোধন কৰিবৰ বাবে।

প্ৰস্তাৱনা

যিহেতু, প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ চৌপাশ এলেকাৰ ভূমি বেদখল আৰু ক্ষতিৰ পৰা সুৰক্ষিত আৰু সংৰক্ষণ কৰিবলৈ আৰু সেই অঞ্চলৰ সাংস্কৃতিক ঐতিহ্য আৰু জনগাঁথনিৰ ৰক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কৰিবলৈ অসম ভূমি আৰু ৰাজহ বিনিয়ম, ১৮৮৬, ইয়াৰ পিছত মূল বিনিয়ম হিচাপে উল্লেখিত, ক পৰৱৰ্তী সংশোধন কৰাটো কালোচিত ;

১৮৮৬ চনৰ
বিনিয়ম নং ১

ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা ভাৰত গণৰাজ্যৰ সাতসত্ত্বৰতম বৰ্ষত ইয়াক নিম্নলিখিত ধৰণেৰে অধিনিয়মিত কৰা হৈছে:—

সংক্ষিপ্ত নাম,
বিস্তাৰ আৰু
প্ৰাৰম্ভণ

- ১। (১) এই অধিনিয়মখন অসম ভূমি আৰু ৰাজহ বিনিয়ম (সংশোধন) অধিনিয়ম, ২০২৬ বুলি অভিহিত হ'ব।
- (২) ইয়াৰ বিস্তাৰ মূল বিনিয়মৰ দৰেই হ'ব।
- (৩) ই তাৎক্ষণিকভাৱে বলবৎ হ'ব।

ধাৰা ৩ ৰ
সংশোধন

- ২। মূল অধিনিয়মত, ধাৰা ৩ ত, খণ্ড (ঢ) ৰ পিছত, নিম্নলিখিত নতুন খণ্ডসমূহ অন্তঃস্থাপিত হ'ব, যথা:—

- “(গ) “প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠান” মানে পুৰাতাত্ত্বিক বা ঐতিহাসিক বা নান্দনিক বা সাংস্কৃতিক তাৎপৰ্য বহন কৰা প্ৰতিষ্ঠান, গৃহ, শিল্পকৰ্ম, গাঁথনি আৰু নিৰ্মাণ যিসমূহে ৰাজ্যৰ সামাজিক-সাংস্কৃতিক আৰু ধৰ্মীয় মনোভাৱৰ প্ৰতিফলন ঘটায় তথা অতি কমেও ২৫০ বছৰৰো অধিক পুৰণি হয়;
- (ত) “প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ ভৌগোলিক ক্ষেত্ৰ” মানে ৫ কিলোমিটাৰ ব্যাসাৰ্ধৰ ভিতৰত থকা ভৌগোলিক অঞ্চল, যি ধাৰা ১৭৬ অনুসৰি সময়ে সময়ে চৰকাৰে চৰকাৰী ৰাজপত্ৰত প্ৰকাশিত অধিসূচনাৰ যোগে সুৰক্ষিত ঐতিহ্য অঞ্চল হিচাপে ঘোষণা কৰা প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ সীমাৰ চৌপাশৰ এলেকা;
- (থ) “মূল বাসিন্দা” মানে এই অধিনিয়ম প্ৰাৰম্ভণৰ পূৰ্বে তিনিটা প্ৰজন্ম ধৰি সেই অঞ্চলত বাস কৰি থকা এজন ব্যক্তি আৰু তেওঁৰ পৰিয়াল ;
- (দ) “খিলঞ্জীয়া জনগোষ্ঠীয় সম্প্ৰদায়” মানে মৰাণ, মটক, চুতীয়া, কোচ ৰাজবংশী আৰু আহোম জনগোষ্ঠীৰ অন্তৰ্গত লোকসকলৰ গোট ;
- (ধ) “বক্ষিত গোট” মানে চাহ জনগোষ্ঠী, আদিবাসী (অনুসূচীত সংলগ্ন কৰা তালিকা অনুসৰি) আৰু চৰকাৰে সময়ে সময়ে অধিসূচীত কৰা অন্যান্য সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ অন্তৰ্গত লোকসকল।”

"অধ্যায় XII

**প্রতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ চৌপাশ এলেকাৰ ভূমিৰ
সুৰক্ষা**

ঐতিহ্য
প্রতিষ্ঠানৰ
ভৌগোলিক
ক্ষেত্ৰ
অধিসূচিত হ'ব

১৭৬। ইয়াৰ পূৰ্বে বা এই বিনিয়মত যিকোনো কথা থকা স্বত্বেও,
ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে, চৰকাৰী ৰাজপত্ৰত প্ৰকাশিত
অধিসূচনাৰ জৰিয়তে প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য
প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ চৌপাশ এলেকাৰ ভৌগোলিক ক্ষেত্ৰক
সংৰক্ষিত ঐতিহ্য অঞ্চল হিচাপে ঘোষণা কৰিব পাৰে।

কিছুমান
কাৰ্য্যৰ
নিষিদ্ধকৰণ

১৭৭। (১) ধাৰা ১৭৬ ৰ অধীনত সংৰক্ষিত অঞ্চল হিচাপে
ঘোষিত প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ
চৌপাশ এলেকাৰ যিকোনো ভূমি হস্তান্তৰ,
বিনিয়ম, সাময়িক পট্টা, চুক্তি বা বন্দোবস্তিৰ দ্বাৰা
কোনো ব্যক্তিয়ে চৰকাৰৰ পূৰ্ব অনুমোদন
অবিহনে আহৰণ বা দখল কৰিব নোৱাৰিব, যদিহে
তেওঁ ধাৰা ৩ ৰ খণ্ড (ধ)ত পৰিভাষিত সেই অঞ্চলৰ
মূল বাসিন্দা নহয়।

(২) প্ৰতীকাত্মক ঐতিহ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ চৌপাশ
এলেকাৰ কোনো ভূমি অপ্ৰাধিকৃতভাৱে ব্যৱহাৰ বা
দখল কৰি থকা কোনো ব্যক্তিয়ে তেওঁৰ দখলৰ বা
ব্যৱহাৰৰ সময়ছোৱাৰ ভিত্তিত এনে ভূমিৰ ওপৰত
কোনো অধিকাৰ, স্বত্ব বা স্বাৰ্থ আহৰণ নকৰিব।

(৩) এই বিনিয়ম অথবা তৎসময় বলবৎ কোনো অন্য
বিধিসমূহৰ ব্যতিৰেকে কোনো কথা থকা স্বত্বেও,
জিলাখনৰ জিলা আয়ুক্তই, অনুসূচিত জাতি,
অনুসূচিত জনজাতি, খিলঞ্জীয়া জনগোষ্ঠীয়
সম্প্ৰদায় আৰু বঞ্চিত গোটসমূহৰ ব্যক্তিসকলৰ
বাহিৰে সুৰক্ষিত ঐতিহ্য অঞ্চলৰ ভৌগোলিক
ক্ষেত্ৰৰ অপ্ৰাধিকৃত বাসিন্দাসকলক উচ্ছেদ কৰিব
পাৰে।

নিয়মাবলী
প্ৰণয়নৰ
ক্ষমতা

১৭৮। ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে চৰকাৰী ৰাজপত্ৰত প্ৰকাশিত অধিসূচনাৰ
জৰিয়তে, এই অধ্যায়ৰ উপবন্ধাবলী কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰাৰ
উদ্দেশ্যে নিয়মাবলী প্ৰণয়ন কৰিব পাৰে।

অন্য
বিধিসমূহক
অতিক্ৰম
কৰিবলৈ
অধিনিয়ম

১৭৯। এই অধিনিয়মৰ উপবন্ধাবলী, তৎসময় বলবৎ থকা
কোনো অন্য ৰাজ্যিক বিধিসমূহত সন্নিবিষ্ট ইয়াৰ সৈতে
অসামঞ্জস্যপূৰ্ণ কোনো কথা, অথবা ন্যায়ালয় বা কোনো
প্ৰাধিকাৰীৰ বিধি বা সংবিদা বা ৰায়, ডিক্ৰী বা আদেশৰ
বল থকা কোনো প্ৰথা বা ৰীতিৰ স্বত্বেও কাৰ্য্যকৰী হ'ব।

সংৰক্ষণ

১৮০। এই অধিনিয়মৰ এই অধ্যায়ত থকা কোনো কথাই,
প্ৰাচীন স্মৃতিসৌধ আৰু পুৰাতাত্ত্বিক স্থান তথা অৱশেষ
অধিনিয়ম, ১৯৫৮ আৰু অনুসূচিত জনজাতি আৰু
অন্যান্য পৰম্পৰাগত বনবাসী (অধিকাৰৰ স্বীকৃতি)
অধিনিয়ম, ২০০৬, বা সংসদে গৃহীত কৰা অন্য কোনো
অধিনিয়ম আৰু ইয়াৰ অধীনত প্ৰণীত নিয়মাবলী বা

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কেন্দ্ৰীয়
অধিনিয়ম নং ২

অধিসূচনাসমূহৰ উপবন্ধাৱলীক অতিক্ৰম বা
অসামঞ্জস্যপূৰ্ণ বা প্ৰভাৱিত কৰে বুলি গণ্য কৰা নহ'ব
আৰু অধিনিয়মৰ উপবন্ধাৱলী উক্ত অধিনিয়মসমূহক
প্ৰতিকূল ভাৱাপন্ন নকৰাকৈ কাৰ্য্যকৰী হ'ব।"


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Schedule

[under section 2 (u)]

List of Tea Tribes and Adivasi Community

Sl No	Community
1.	Ahir-Goala
2.	Arya Mala
3.	Asur
4.	Baiga
5.	Baijara
6.	Bakti
7.	Barhai
8.	Basor
9.	Basphor
10.	Bauri/Bawri
11.	Beddi
12.	Bedia
13.	Belder
14.	Bhaina
15.	Bharak/Baraik
16.	Bhatta
17.	Bhil
18.	Bhokta
19.	Bhonda/Bondo/Bonda
20.	Bhuin
21.	Bhuinhar
22.	Bhumij
23.	Bhuyan
24.	Binjia/ Bijia
25.	Birhar/ Birhor
26.	Birijia/ Birjia
27.	Bonia
28.	Bowri/ Powri
29.	Chamar
30.	Chasa
31.	Chera/ Chero
32.	Chhatri
33.	Chiek/ Chick Babuk/ ChikBaraik
34.	Chowdhari
35.	Dandari/ Damdari
36.	Dandasi
37.	Debmajhi
38.	Dehuri
39.	Dhanwar
40.	Dusad
41.	Fulmali
42.	Ganda
43.	Ghansi
44.	Ghatowar
45.	Gonda


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46.	Gonda/ Gond
47.	Gonju
48.	Gorait
49.	Gosai
50.	Gowala
51.	Halora/ Hilra/ Halba
52.	Hari
53.	Hazam
54.	Ho
55.	Kalahandi
56.	Kalar
57.	Kalihandi
58.	Kansari
59.	Karan
60.	Karmakar
61.	Karmali
62.	Kashan/ Kissan/ Kishan
63.	Kayastha
64.	Keot
65.	Kharia
66.	Kherwar
67.	Khodal
68.	Khoira (Rai)
69.	Khonyor
70.	Khound/ Khond
71.	Kohar/ Kehor
72.	Kol/ Koal
73.	Kondapan
74.	Korwa
75.	Kosta
76.	Kotwal/ Kotowal
77.	Kowar/ Kawar
78.	Koya
79.	Kudmi
80.	Kuri/ Koiri
81.	Kumhar
82.	Kurku
83.	Kurmi
84.	Kurum
85.	Lahar/ Lohar
86.	Lodha/ Lodhra
87.	Lodhi
88.	Madari
89.	Mahato
90.	Mahli
91.	Majwar
92.	Mal
93.	Malhar
94.	Malpaharia
95.	Manki

96.	Marar
97.	Mehera
98.	Mirdhar/Mirdha
99.	Modi
100.	Mohli
101.	Moirā
102.	Mundas/Munda
103.	Nabonsi/Nagbongshi
104.	Nagasia
105.	Nath
106.	Oraons/Oraon
107.	Paidi
108.	Paik
109.	Panika
110.	Pans
111.	Parja
112.	Pasi
113.	Pator
114.	Patratanti
115.	Patwa
116.	Pradha
117.	PujarBhokta
118.	Puran
119.	Rajwar
120.	Rautia
121.	Sahora/Saora
122.	Santhals/Santal
123.	Satnami
124.	Satnami
125.	Sawar/Sawra/Shabar
126.	Sonai
127.	Suri
128.	Tangla
129.	Tanti
130.	Tantrupal
131.	Tantubai
132.	Tassa
133.	Telenga
134.	Teli
135.	Turi
136.	Ujir


 VETTED BY THE
 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT
 ON 05.07.2016

Statement of Objects & Reasons

The objective of the Bill is to bring amendment to the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 for protecting the land rights of the original inhabitants of Assam residing in the areas around the iconic heritage institutions. It aims to regulate the land sale transaction in defined and notified areas around the notified iconic heritage institutions.

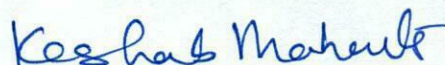
This bill envisages to declare the geographical area within a limit not exceeding 5 kilometers in all directions surrounding the iconic heritage institutions as protected areas.

The proposed insertion of Chapter XII in the Assam Land & Revenue Regulation, 1886 aims to prevent unabated encroachment around such iconic heritage institutions and to preserve the socio-cultural and religious identity of such Institutions. Further, the land rights of the persons belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, indigenous ethnic community and disadvantaged groups (list as annexed in the schedule to the Bill) will be protected.

The Government of Assam in the Revenue and Disaster Management Department has, therefore, come up with a proposal seeking approval of the Cabinet for placing the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in the upcoming Assam Legislative Assembly session to amend the Act.

The Cabinet, in the meeting held on 5th July, 2026, approved the amendment as proposed by Revenue & D.M. Department.

The Bill seeks to give effect to the aforesaid objects.



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Assam Legislative Assembly,
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Financial Memorandum

The Bill will not require any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State once it comes into force.

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Memorandum of Delegated Legislation

This Bill empowers the State Government to declare a geographical area within a limit not exceeding 5 kilometers in all directions surrounding the iconic heritage institutions as protected areas by notification published in the Official Gazette.

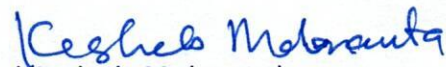
The Bill seeks to insert a new Chapter XII (comprising Sections 176 to 180) into the principal Regulation. Within this newly inserted Chapter-

Section 176 empowers the State Government to declare the geographical area within a limit not exceeding 5 kilometers in all directions surrounding the iconic heritage institutions as protected areas by notification published in the Official Gazette.

Section 178 empowers the State Government to make rules, by notification published in the Official Gazette, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the newly inserted Chapter XII.

The delegation of legislative power as envisaged above is necessary to implement the administrative layout, process notifications, and lay down rules for the protection of land surrounding iconic heritage institutions.

The above provisions of the Bill regarding delegated legislation are thus of normal type and are mainly intended to cover matters of procedure.


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Existing provision of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 and the proposed provision of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026

Amended Section	Existing Provision	Proposed Provision
Preamble		Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, to protect and preserve the surrounding land of the iconic heritage institutions from encroachment and damage and to maintain the culture, heritage and demography of that area hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulation, in the manner hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:–
Short title, extent and commencement	(1) This regulation may be called the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886; and (2) It shall come into force on such dates and in such territories under the administration of the [State] Government of Assam as the [State] Government may direct by notification in the official Gazette: Provided that — (a) Any such notification may declare that any portion of this Regulation shall not be in force in any territory to which the Regulation may be extended; and (b) The [State] Government may direct by notification in the official Gazette that any portion of this Regulation shall cease to be in force in any territory to which the Regulation may have been extended. (3) The [State] Government may, in like manner, amend, vary or rescind any notification issued under sub-section (2).	(1) This Act may be called the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2026. (2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Regulation. (3) It shall come into force at once.
Amendment of Section 3	In this Regulation, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context, — (a) “The commencement” of this Regulation, used with reference to any local area, means the date on which it comes into force in that local area; (b) “Estate” includes — (1) Any land subject, either immediately or prospectively, to the payment of land revenue, for the discharge of which a separate	In the principal Act, in section 3, after clause (n), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely :- (q) “iconic heritage institutions” mean the institutions, buildings, artifacts, structures and constructions having archeological or historical or aesthetic or cultural significance which are reflective of the socio-cultural and religious ethos of the State and are of at least 250 years old;

	engagement has been entered into; (2) Any land subject to the payment of, or assessed with a separate amount as land revenue, although no engagement has been entered into with the [(Substituted for the word “Grown” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950) Government] for that amount; (3) Any local area for the appropriation of the produce or products whereof a license or farm has been granted under rules made by the [(Substituted for the word “Provincial” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950)] Government under section 155, clause (e) or Clause (f);. (4) Any char or island thrown up in a navigable river which under the laws in force is at the disposal of the [(Substituted for the word “Grown” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950) Government] (5) Any land which is for the time being entered in the Deputy Commissioner’s register of revenue free estates as a separate holding; (6) Any land being the exclusive property of the [(Substituted for the word “Grown” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950) Government] of which the [Substituted for the word “Provincial” by the Adaptation of Laws order, 1950)] Government has directed the separate entry in the registers of revenue-paying and revenue-free estates mentioned in Chapter IV; Explanation – Any land gained by alluvion or by dereliction of a river to any estate as here defined, which under the laws in force is considered an increment to tenure to which the land has accreted, shall be deemed to be part of that estate; (c) “Permanently-settled estate” means any estate in the districts of [(Substituted for the word “Sylhet” by the Adaption Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951) Cachar and Goalpara included in the decennial settlement of the Lower Provinces of Bengal or permanently settled at any subsequent date under any law for the time being in force: (d) “Temporarily-settled estate” means any estate not being a revenue-free or permanently-	(r) “territory of iconic heritage institution” means the geographical area within a radius of 5 kilometers, in all directions surrounding the boundary of the iconic heritage institutions declared as protected heritage area by notification published in the Official Gazette by the Government from time to time as per section 176. (s) “original inhabitant” means a person, who have been living in that area along with his family for last three generations upto 1st January of 2006.” (t) “indigenous ethnic community” means group of people belonging to Moran, Matak, Chutia, Koch Rajbanshi and Ahom. (u) “disadvantaged group” means the people belonging to tea, adivasi (list as annexed in the Schedule) and other communities as notified by the Government from time to time.
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	settled estate; (e) “Land revenue” means any revenue assessed by the [(Substituted for the word “Provincial” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950) State] Government on an estate and include any tax assessed in lieu of land revenue. (f) “Proprietor” means the owner of any estate permanently settled or entered on the Deputy Commissioner’s register of revenue free estates; (g) “Land-holder” means any person deemed to have acquired the status of a land holder under section 8; (h) “Settlement-holder” means any person, other than a proprietor, who has entered into an engagement with the [(Substituted for the word “Grown” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950) Government] to pay land revenue and includes a land-holder; (i) “Recorded proprietor”, “recorded land holder” “recorded sharer” and “recorded possession” mean any proprietor, land holder, sharer or possession, as the case may be, registered in the general registers prescribed in Chapter IV: (j) “Agricultural year” means the year commencing on the 1st April, or on such other date as the [(Substituted for the word “Provincial” by the Adaptation of Law Order 1950) State] Government may, in the case of any specified local area, by notification, appoint: (k) “Notification” means a notification published in the official Gazette; and (l) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Regulation; (m) (Inserted by Assam Act XV of 1959) “Deputy Commissioner” includes and shall be deemed always to have included the Additional Deputy Commissioner. (n) “Board” means the Assam Board of Revenue constituted under the Assam Board of Revenue Act 1959 or under any statutory re-enactment or modification thereof.	
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Insertion of Chapter XII	"CHAPTER XII PROTECTION OF LAND SURROUNDING THE ICONIC HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS 176. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore or in this regulation, the State Government may by notification published in the Official Gazette declare the geographical territory surrounding the iconic heritage institutions as protected heritage areas. 177. (1) No person shall acquire or possess by transfer, exchange, lease, agreement or settlement of any land surrounding the iconic heritage institutions declared as protected areas under section 176, unless he is an original inhabitant of that area as defined in clause (s) of section 3 without prior approval of the Government. (2) No person who have been unauthorisedly occupying or possessing any land surrounding the iconic heritage institutions shall acquire any right, title or interest over such land on the basis of their tenure of possession or occupation. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in this Regulation or any other laws, for the time being in force, the District Commissioner of the district, may evict the unauthorized occupants from the territory of the protected heritage area, other than the persons belonging to the Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes, indigenous ethnic community and disadvantaged groups. 178. The State Government may by notification published in the Official Gazette, make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Chapter. 179. The provisions of this Act, shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other state laws for the time being in force, or any custom or usage having the force of law or contract or judgement, decree or order of a court or any other authority. 180. Nothing contained in this Chapter of the Act shall be construed to override or inconsistent or affect the provisions of the Ancient Monument and Archaeological sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the Schedules Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006, or any other Act made by Parliament and rules or notifications made thereunder, except to the extent that is defined in this Act, and the provisions of the Act shall operate without prejudice to the said Acts.”
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