

GLOSSARY

1. *Amlah* : Subordinate native officers.
2. *Aurang* : A place where export goods are manufactured or collected for wholesale disposal. A group of villages or small towns in the country constituted one aurang.
3. *Bund* : The local name of the silk harvest.
4. *Banyan* : Native business partner of a European merchant.
5. *Cattanee* : Female spinner or simply reeler.
6. *Chandraki* : Spinning screen or tray, made of bamboo. Also known as talias chances or fingas.
7. *Dalal* : Broker.
8. *Dalas* : Made of bamboo and used for silk-worm rearing.
9. *Filature wound silk* : Silk produced in European filature was known as filature reeled silk.
10. *Ghai* : Country machine by which khamru or khangru silk is produced.
11. *Gomasta* : An agent employed by merchants and Company for their trade.
12. *Investment* : Company's purchases in India were known as 'Investment'.
13. *Maund* : 40 seers.
14. *Palu* : Silk worm.
15. *Patta* : Short-skein, the first two sorts of Bengal raw silk head and belly, i.e., 'Cabessa' and 'bariga'.
16. *Pykar* : An underbroker, mainly employed in the raw silk trade of Bengal i.e., silk dealer, middle men or a village broker who dealt with the weaver on a commission basis.
17. *Ryot* : Peasant, Cultivator.
18. *Raw Silk* : Raw Silk is not purely raw. It is in between purely raw and finished product. It is semi manufactured stuff.
19. *Yarn* : Thread i.e., twisted silk fibres used in weaving and knitting.
20. *Zamindar* : Landlord.