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## Glossary of Mising terms used in the Study

<i>Arik/arig</i>	:	Agricultural field
<i>Amro</i>	:	A dry variety of rice or <i>rabi</i> or Summer crop
<i>Asi-Ui</i>	:	Spirit that live in Water
<i>Aa:mong</i>	:	Land
<i>Aabnag</i>	:	Rhapsodic chants
<i>Ali:Aye:Ligang</i>	:	An agrarian festival of the Mising.
<i>Adiditem</i>	:	Hills
<i>Amdangarreeg</i>	:	Kharif crops
<i>BurteDobur</i>	:	A ritual organised on an occasion of bloodshed
<i>Biro-Birmang</i>	:	Brother and Sister
<i>Biekke gombugem buklen motto:</i>		Voices
<i>MennyingKonyying</i>	:	Equivalent of the English “Once upon a time”
<i>Dobur</i>	:	<i>Ritual</i>
<i>Doyingdoyingpekidoying</i>	:	a tale, tale of dove
<i>Do:nyi</i>	:	The Sun
<i>Dolung</i>	:	Village
<i>Ditem</i>	:	The Earth
<i>Dadgang</i>	:	Dead rite
<i>Dong-aamong</i>	:	Land of consciousness
<i>Epoms</i>	:	Arboreal spirits
<i>Erang</i>	:	Family
<i>Gadu</i>	:	Popularly known as Mirijim in Assamese (- a heavy blanket-soft and fluffy on one side and plain on the other).



<i>Iji-yalo/Yalo</i>	:	The soul which is indestructible and immortal and comparable to ‘ <i>Atma</i> ’ of Vedantic philosophy
<i>Igo-Magbo</i>	:	Bother-in-law
<i>kolyung-kolo</i>	:	‘A state of undifferentiated ambiguity from which individual forms emerge, a process of materialisation.’
<i>Keyum</i>	:	Beginning of the beginning or infiniteness or nothingness or vacuum, unknown and un-knowable.
<i>Koje-Patang</i>	:	A lake or the pond of old lady Kojé
<i>Kaa:rag</i>	:	A sudden illness (headache, stomach pain) believed to be caused by the spirit of a dead person or ancestor.
<i>Liga-Liglen (Yotlen Kunam):</i>		Restraints from exploitative agricultural activities.
<i>Lapan</i>	:	Community hall in Apatani
<i>Lekkedoying</i>	:	The past stories
<i>Muusup, Deere</i>	:	Community hall of <i>Adi</i>
<i>Mibu</i>	:	The Shamans or the priest
<i>Me:ram</i>	:	Fireplace
<i>Murong</i>	:	Community hall in Mising
<i>Mibu-Dagnam</i>	:	The performance of the <i>Mibu</i>
<i>Marsang</i>	:	A medicinal herbs/plant.
<i>Matsum</i>	:	Castor plant
<i>Murkong</i>	:	Silver
<i>Na-ne</i>	:	Mother
<i>Namsing</i>	:	Rough powder prepared from dried fish
<i>Neinengan</i>	:	Trees with different leaves
<i>Nimke</i>	:	Rest place

<i>Naptek</i>	:	Community hallin Milanglagauge.
<i>Ngotum</i>	:	Onset of monsoon
<i>Ngotok</i>	:	When the flood water recedes.
<i>Po:rag</i>	:	A communal festival in nature. Basically, this is a festival of prayers and feast celebrated after a good harvest.
<i>Peyi-Pettang</i>	:	Birds with different feathers.
<i>Poro Apong</i>	:	A local beverage which is a dark greenish colour due to the addition of ashes of straw and paddy husk
<i>Peyhreedareeg</i>	:	Black-gram
<i>Polo</i>	:	The Moon
<i>Pedong</i>	:	Rain
<i>Pa:aro-aa:nam</i>	:	A state of motionless and soundless when the Mibu made a direct contact with non-human while conducting a Mibu Dagnam.
<i>Pakso-monam or Gumrag-Soman:</i>		A typical dance form perform
<i>Petu-areeg</i>	:	Autumn crops of mustard oilseeds
<i>Poirang Arig</i>	:	One type of cultivation which is done on a land that holds sufficient water in order to moisten the ground for the germination of the seeds.
<i>Perap</i>	:	It is a shelve used as oven or hearth for smoking fish and meat over the Mising fireplace (Meram)
<i>Rukji-merang</i>	:	Ants and insects
<i>Reegbo –tani</i>	:	Neighbour or the villagers
<i>Se-di- Me-lo</i>	:	Supreme Being

<i>Sine-Mobo</i>	:	Land of the dead
<i>Tani</i>	:	Man
<i>TalengUi</i>	:	Spirit that live above the earth
<i>TalengUkum</i>	:	The traditional Mising house on stilts.
<i>Opin</i>	:	Clans
<i>Ope</i>	:	Extended family
<i>Uyu or Ui</i>	:	Fearsome entities comparable to the understanding of Spirits
<i>Uii-among</i>	:	The land of the spirit or the land of unconsciousness
<i>Yumrang Ui</i>	:	Spirit that live in the forest
<i>Yoksas</i>	:	A straights word
<i>Yotnam</i>	:	Self-imposed restriction
<i>Yamgur</i>	:	Young boys and girls assist the bride and groom at the time of marriage ceremony.

Appendix: I

**INTERVIEW PROFORMA AND QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name of the Respondent:

Age:

Sex: Male/Female:

Mobile No:

Educational Qualification:

Place & Date:

Brief information on the participants/respondents linkage/experiences on the issues:.....

Consent of Respondent / Interviewee:

I(Dr./Mr/Mrs)..... do hereby declare that I have been appraised of the PhD Thesis entitled 'Ecology, Culture and Identity of the Mising: A Historical Analysis' carried out by Pankaj Doley, research scholar in the Department of History, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India. I am providing information to the scholar through oral interview voluntarily and without any fear or favour. I also fully approve of using the information provided by me to the scholar for the purpose of his research and publication. I take this opportunity to wish the research all success.

Date..... Time.....

Place:

Signature of the Participant

Interview sites represent both rural and urban areas.

In a series of twenty questions of open-ended, interviews addressed the following issues:

1. How would you like to tell us about your experience/associations with the Mising autonomy movement?
2. Do you think ethno-nationalist organization can play a role in the preservation of Mising ethnic identity?
3. How do you think the ethno-nationalists organization will/can shape the present and future aspiration of the country?
4. What to you is the most important characteristic of being Mising.
5. What is the impact of identity politics on the realization of collective identity of the Mising?
6. How does the ethno-nationalist organization negotiate with cultural heterogeneity within the community?
7. How do you describe the Mising as the Clan Brother of the Adis?
8. What do you mean by the word Tani/ who are we referring to?
9. What are the traditional socio-religious festivals celebrated in your village?
10. How do you understand the concept associated with *.Yalo, Ui, Dong Aamong, Tani aamong?*
11. What and how do you know about the story of Mising Migration?
12. What role does the Mising Bane Kebang play in socio-political networks of the community?
13. Do you think the Mising Bane Kebang is still a parent organization of the Mising? How do you think the Mising Bane Kebang can regain its lost glory?
14. How and why do you become a Mibu? / Would you like to tell us the story of your initiations?
15. How plants are used in the making of Apong?

16. Under your leadership what are the measures that you have initiated or accomplished?
17. How and why do you think Mising folk dance form i.e. Gumrag should be uniformed.
18. What are the core objectives Mising Dirbi Kebang?
19. How is clan related to day-to-day realities?
20. What is the significance of arranging *Opin Kebang* or the Clan Committee?
21. What is the strength and relevance of the ancestor worship as compared to other beliefs and practices?

## Appendix II: List of Interviewees

1. Banewar Doley, retired teacher, Aged-65, Ratanpur Miri Gaon, Majlui on 11-12-2013
2. Bhaskar Pegu, Aged-28, Research Scholar at IIT Guwahati, on 11-07-13
3. Dipak Doley, Assist. Professor in DCB College, Jorhat and a member in the Dhemaji Doley Opin Kebang. Aged-45, on 26-03-2014.
4. Indraneel Pegu, Assist. Professor, Aged- 30, Jengraimukh, Majuli, on 2-02-2014
5. Jogendra Nath, Retired Assist. Professor, Aged-70, Guwahati, on 23-08-2013
6. Krishnaram Mili, retired ACS and President of Guwahati Mising Agom Kebang, Aged-67, Barbari (Guwahati) on 19-03-2014.
7. Kuleswar Lagachu, Aged-70, Barbari, Guwahati on 3-08-2014.
8. Rajiv Mili, Aged-36, Guwahati IIT Ph.D Scholar, on 4-02-2014
9. Ritu Kumbang, Student, Aged-30, Annapur, Dhemaji on 10-04-13
10. Tabu Ram Taid, Educationist, author, Aged-73, Guwahati on 10-10-2014
11. Osong Ering, Administrator, Aged-84, Mirbuk Village, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh on 29-01-2016
12. Arag Megu, Bhasa Samman awardee (by Sahatiya Academy for 2014-15), Aged- 65, Kelek Mirbuk Village, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, on 30-01-2016
13. Bansiram Doley, Aged-46, Dergaon, Golaghat, on 12-10-2016
14. Anil Bori, Aged-46, Santipur Miri Gaon, Gomari Block, Golaghat on 13-10-2016
15. Meghnath Mornag, Aged-67, Santipur Miri Gaon, Golaghat, on 13-10-2016
16. Kamal Kanta Pegu, Aged-64, Bijoypur Gaon, Golaghat on 14-10-2016
17. Lalit Chandra Doley, Aged-44, Bahir Khapsan Gaon, Padam, Lakhimpur on 22-01-2017
18. Monturam Doley, Village head or Gam Aged-75 Padam Gaon, Dhakaughana, Lakhimpur, on 23-01- 2017
19. Shyamsing Pegu, a Mibu and teacher, Aged-52, Bhitor Bokulguri, Dhakuakhana on 11/10/2019,
20. Dinonath Pegu, retired teacher, cultural activist, Aged-69 Nayabazar, Majuli, on 25/12/2018
21. Umananda Pegu, Teacher, cultural activist, Aged-52 Naya Bazar, Majuli, on 20/03/2018
22. Mrs. Mira Doley Pegu, office accountant Aged-41 Gugamukh, Dhemaji, on 18/11/2019

23. Dharmeswar Pegu, Assist. Teacher, Aged-59. Bokulguri, Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur, on 19/11/2019
24. Mrs. Nirmala Doley Pegu, Teacher, Aged-52, Bokulguri, Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur, on 19/11/2019
25. Suruj kr.Patiri Mili, ex- president of *Mising Dirbi Kebang*, Aged-59, Telephonic interview on 28/07/22
26. Latit Pegu, Teacher, cultural activists, Aged-46, at Ratanpur Miri, Naya Bazar, Majuli, on 26/07/21



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THE RESULTS OF THE CENSUS.

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TABLE II.  
Variation in caste, tribe and race since 1872.

Caste, tribe or race.	Persons.				Percentage of variation, increase (+) or decrease (-).			Net variation increase (+) or decrease (-)
	1901.	1891.	1881.	1872.	1891-1901.	%1881-91.	1872-81.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Khawas	155	111	...	...	+ 39'6	...	...	...
Kiranti	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kisan	723	418	...	...	+ 72'9	...	...	...
Koch	221,721	254,934	243,541	313,040	- 13'0	+ 4'6	- 22'2	- 91,319
Koiri	11,152	5,800	3,067	812	+ 92'2	+ 89'1	+ 277'7	+ 10,340
Kol	18,428	2,704	...	1,522	+ 581'5	...	...	+ 16,906
Lalung	35,513	52,423	47,650	34,859	- 32'2	+ 10'0	+ 36'6	+ 654
Lama	983	3	...	...	+ 32,666'6	...	...	...
Lasakha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kora	3,584	4,669	...	...	- 23'2	...	...	...
Korwa	2,348	786	...	187	+ 198'7	...	...	+ 2,161
Koshta	24	14	...	...	+ 71'4	...	...	...
Kotal	52	15	...	...	+ 246'6	...	...	...
Kuki	55,827	18,790	10,812	8,323	+ 197'1	+ 73'7	+ 29'9	+ 47,504
Kumhar	26,793	25,441	18,043	35,667	+ 5'3	+ 41'0	- 49'4	- 8,874
Kureshi	380	1,356	...	...	- 71'9	...	...	...
Kuri	143	...	...	2,531	...	...	...	- 2,388
Kurmi	20,783	12,576	12,532	7,669	+ 65'2	+ 0'3	+ 63'4	+ 13,114
Kusiari	1,390	192	1,365	...	+ 623'9	- 85'9	...	+ 25
Laheri	44	22	...	9	+ 100	...	...	+ 35

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Lalangi	...	238	187	...	...	+ 27'2	...	...	...
Lalung	...	35,513	52,423	47,650	34,859	- 32'2	+ 10'0	+ 36'6	+ ... 654
Lama	...	983	3	...	...	+ 32,666'6	...	...	...
Mikir	...	87,335	94,829	77,765	59,798	- 7'9	+ 21'9	+ 30'0	+ 27,537
Miri	...	46,720	37,430	25,636	13,917	+ 24'8	+ 46'0	+ 84'2	+ 32,803



## Appendix-IV

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (2011 - 2012) (FIFTEENTH LOK SABHA) MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

### THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 2011 TWENTY – THIRD REPORTS LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT NEW DELHI MARCH, 2012

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Sl. No.	Name of Community	Status of the proposal
1.	Karbis and Dimasas of Plain District	Referred to RGI for comments/ views on 18.6.2003.
2.	Halam	Referred to State Government for certain clarification/information sought by RGI on 21.12.2011.
3.	Tamang	Referred to State Government for specific recommendation on 22.11.2011.
4.	Phakes (Phakeals), Khamyang, Turung & Aiton under Man (Tai) Speaking Tribes	Referred to State Government for specific recommendation on 6.2.2012.
5.	Adivasi (Tea Tribes), Ahom, Matak, Maran & Chutia	Referred to State Government for further justification on RGI's comments on 7.12.2005.
6.	Amri Karbi	Referred to State Government for ethnographic report and detailed justifications on 4.1.2012.
7.	Change of Nomenclature of "Miri" to "Mising" & inclusion of "Thengal Kachari"	Referred to RGI for comments/ views on 7.12.2005.
8.	Sarania Kachari	Referred to State Government for further justification on the comments of RGI on 5.5.2006.
9.	Bodo Kachari	Referred to NCST for comments/ views in November, 2011.

Appendix V- Selected Photographs on material culture



Vertical view of Dingora



Horizontal view of Dingora



Front view of Koliya



Rear view of Koliya

Photographs of Fishing implement



Vertical view of Dirdang



Horizontal view of Dirdang



Photographs of Fishing implement



Photograph of workshop on Gumrag dance organized by Mising dirbi kebang



Photographs of Gadu or *Miri Jim*



A typical Adi village



Adi house



Photographs of a flooded Mising village



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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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NOTIFICATION

The 30th October, 1995

No.LGL. 118/95/200. -- The following Act of the Assam Legislative Assembly which received the assent of the Governor is hereby published for general information.

## ASSAM ACT NO. XXVI OF 1995

(Received the assent of the Governor on 27th October, 1995)

## THE MISING AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL ACT, 1995.

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to provide for the establishment of an administrative authority in the name and style of "Mising Autonomous Council" and for certain matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

**Preamble.**

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Mising Autonomous Council within the State of Assam with maximum autonomy within the framework of the Constitution, comprising of the satellite areas of Village Councils formed out of blocks of contiguous revenue villages, each having more than 50% population of Mising community, without having any compact area for social, economic, educational, ethnic and cultural advancement of the Mising community residing therein.

It is hereby enacted in the Forty-sixth Year of the Republic of India, as follows :-

## CHAPTER - I

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title, extent and commencement.**

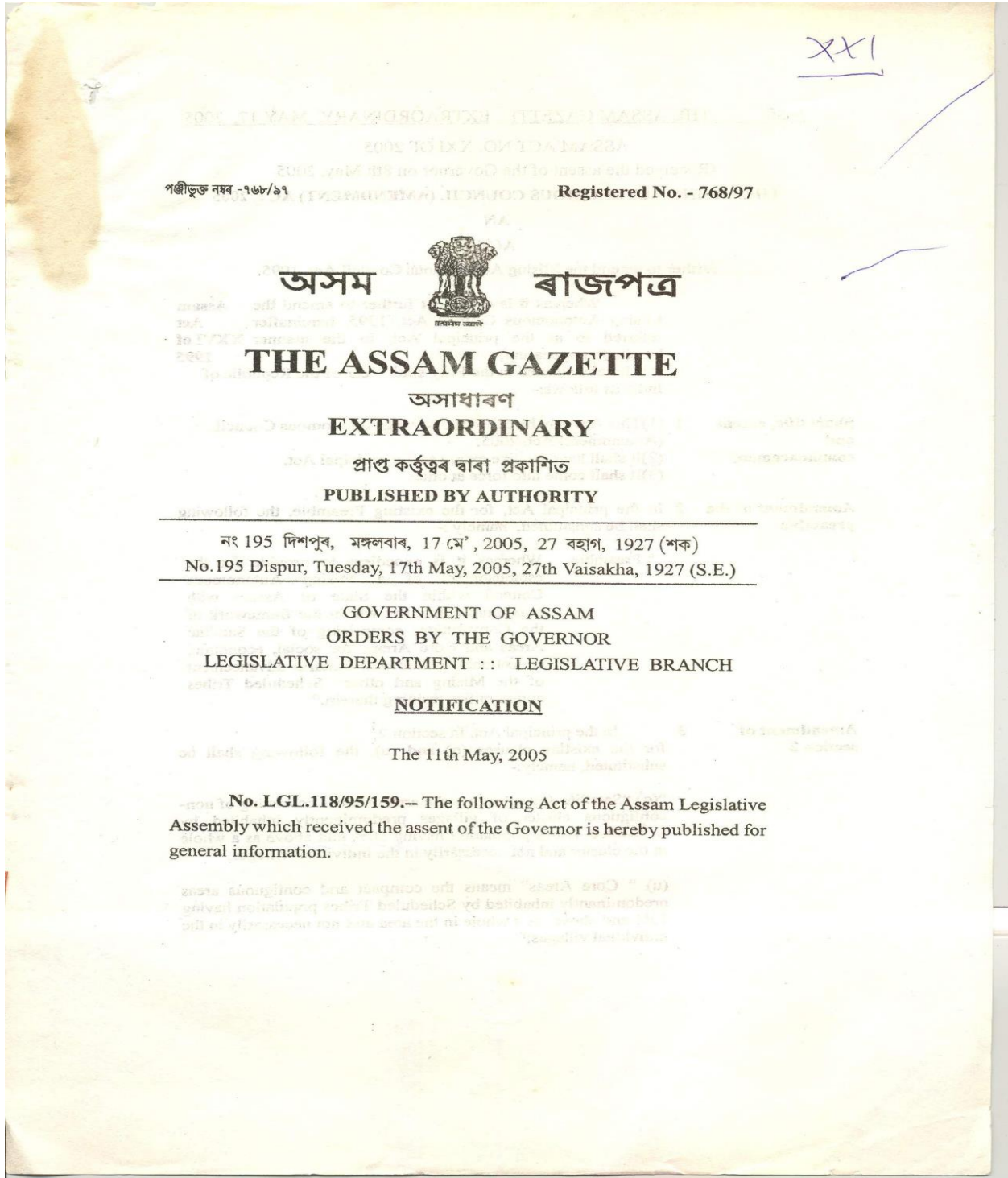
1. (1) This Act may be called the Mising Autonomous Council Act, 1995.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Assam.
- (3) It shall deemed to have come into force with effect from 13-07-95.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) 'bye-law' means the bye-law framed by the General Council ;
- (b) 'Constituency' means a constituency referred to in section 48 ;
- (c) 'Constitution' means the constitution of India ;
- (d) 'Council Area' means the Mising Autonomous Council Area;
- (e) 'Elector' in relation to a constituency means a person whose name is entered in the electoral roll of that constituency ;
- (f) 'Executive Council' means the executive body of the General Council of the Mising Autonomous Council constituted under Section 3 (3) and 24 ;
- (g) 'Gaon Panchayat', 'Anchalik Panchayat' and 'Zila Parishad' have the same meaning as defined in the Assam panchayat Act, 1994 ; Assam Act  
XVIII of  
1994.
- (h) 'General Council' means the General Council of the Mising Autonomous Council referred to in section 3 ;
- (i) 'General Council Fund' and 'Village Council Fund' means the funds constituted under section 61 ;
- (j) 'Government' means the State Government of Assam ;
- (k) 'Governor' means the Governor of Assam ;
- (l) 'member' means a member of the Village Council or the General Council or the Executive Council, as the case may be ;
- (m) 'Municipality' has the same meaning as in the Assam Municipal Act, 1956 ; Assam Act  
XV of 1957.

Appendix-VII (Mising Autonomous Council (Amendment) Act, 2005)



ASSAM ACT NO. XXI OF 2005

(Received the assent of the Governor on 8th May, 2005)

**THE MISING AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2005**

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further to amend the Mising Autonomous Council Act, 1995.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Assam Mising Autonomous Council Act, 1995, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing; XXVI of 1995  
It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

- Short title, extent and commencement** 1 (1) This Act may be called the Mising Autonomous Council (Amendment) Act, 2005.  
(2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.  
(3) It shall come into force at once.
- Amendment of the preamble** 2 In the principal Act, for the existing Preamble, the following shall be substituted, namely :-  
“ Preamble. Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Mising Autonomous Council within the State of Assam with maximum autonomy within the framework of the Constitution, comprising of the Satellite Areas and Core Areas, for social, economic, educational, ethnic and cultural advancement of the Mising and other Scheduled Tribes communities residing therein.”
- Amendment of section 2** 3 In the principal Act, in section 2, for the existing clauses (q) and (u), the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
“(q) “Satellite Areas” means the area or areas consisting of non-contiguous cluster of villages predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Tribes population having 50% and above as a whole in the cluster and not necessarily in the individual villages;”  
(u) “ Core Areas” means the compact and contiguous areas predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Tribes population having 50% and above as a whole in the area and not necessarily in the individual villages;”