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dkon gnyer see *dkor gnyer*

dkor gnyer, caretaker, keeper, custodian, performing the *bsang* ceremony, and making general announcements

sku tshab, often assistant of *spyi ba* (q.v.)

bskang 'don see *a mchod*

khang gnyer see *dkor gnyer*

khang tshan dge rgan, hostel chief

khri pa, 'one who holds the throne', monks of special status within a monastery who act as the head of the monastery in rotation

khri pa bla ma, the monastic who holds the throne for a limited period

khri 'dzin, "throne holder", abbot

mkhan po, abbot, rector

grwa dpon, a leader of a particular group of monks

grwa tshang spyi gnyer, treasurer of a monastery

grwa tshang bla ma, a monk who holds much the same position as that of *khri pa bla ma*

dge skos, disciplinarian

dge rgan, senior monk, teacher, chief of a hostel, cf. *khang tshan dge rgan*

dge g-yog, assistant disciplinarian

dgon bdag, head of a monastery, often hereditary

mgon khang bla ma, chaplain, cf. *a mchod*

mgon bla, contraction of *mgon khang bla ma* (q.v.)

mgron gnyer, steward

'go bdag bla ma, one who replaces the head of a monastery and performs the rituals in his absence

rgan pa, 'senior', a term sometimes used for *gnyer pa*, treasurer

rgyal tshab, apostle, successor of a previous head of an establishment

rgyal tshab bla ma see *rgyal tshab*

rgyu gnyer see *gnyer pa*

rgyun gnyer, store-keeper

sgrub bla, head of a particular establishment within a monastery

dngul gnyer see *gnyer pa*

dngul bdag see *gnyer pa*

chang ma, beer-dispenser

chu len, novices who fetch water in a monastery

chos khrims pa, proctor

mchod gnyer see *machod dpon*

mchod dpon, sacristan

mchod g-yog, assistant sacristan

'cham gnyer, the monastic in charge of the *'cham* dance

'cham dpon see *'cham gnyer*

ja gnyer, assistant cook

ja mar, secondary cook

ja g-yog, one who washes dishes, cleans kitchen and tends fire

jo mo bla ma, nuns' priest

gnyer pa, treasurer, often responsible for monastery's upkeep, steward, manager
gnyer ma, often assistant of *gnyer pa* (q.v.)
dung 'bud, novice in charge of the call of assembly by blowing the conch shell
do dam pa, superintendent
drung yig, secretary
gdung 'dzin, successor in a hereditary line
bdag gnyer, caretaker, cf. *dkor gnyer*
spyi khyab, general controller, cf. *do dam pa*
spyi gso, accountant
dpe khrid, teacher
dpon slob, chief teacher
spyi gnye, general treasurer
spyi phyag, general treasurer
spyi ba, treasurer, manager, one who oversees expenses for religious festivals, and collects offerings, their investment and the use of the resulting profit
spyi dbu bla ma, community head *bla ma* (q.v.)
sprul sku, reincarnated lama, either the head of a monastery or occupies a special position in a monastery
phan tshun che mo, supervisor of political and economic matters
phyag mdzod, treasurer, often that of abbot's residence
bon slob, chief teacher, cf. *dpon slob*
byang 'dren, chief chanter, cf. *dbu mdzad*
bla brang gnyer pa, treasurer of abbot's residence
bla ma, head of either a monastery or an establishment within a monastery
bla ma'i gnyer pa, treasurer of the head *bla ma* in a monastery
dbu skyor, assistant of *dbu mdzad* (q.v.)
dbu mkhyen, chanter, cf. *dbu mdzad*
dbu bla, head of a monastery; chaplain of a local chief
dbu mdzad, chief chanter, chief of chorus, choir-master, precentor
dbu g-yog, assistant of the chief chanter
dbon po, an administrator of a monastery and its estates often connected with a hereditary line of the head of a monastery
dbyar bdag, leader of the *dbyar gnas* ritual
'bud pa, musician
mar chen, chef
rtsis pa, accountant
tshang dpon, chef, one who tends fire
zla dag gnyer pa, assistant of a manager
yig mkhan, secretary, copyist
yongs 'dzin, teacher, tutor, supervisor
g-yung drung slob dpon, supreme master
las sne, monastic official, one who deals with the organization of religious services (*zhabs brtan*)
las pa, attendant
shog dpon, person dealing with the affairs of a subdivision within a monastery
bsang gtong, person dealing with the performance of the *bsang* ceremony

slob dpon, chief teacher

gser khri, literally “gold throne”, term applied to a monk either elected often by secret lot or appointed by the general assembly to occupy the monastic throne

gsol kha ba see a mchod

lha gnyer see a mchod

a mchod, chaplain, a monk in charge of daily services in the *sgrub khang*

