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The data on Assamese fricatives and vowels have been taken from the following informants. Age group - 24-60.

They belong to different districts in Assam and there variation in the dialects. The standard dialect is spoken in the Sibsagar district.

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72.	xɔisya	'corps'	:	xɔizyə	'tolerance'	:	-	-	-	-	de
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1. -/i/	xit	'chilly'	hit	'benefit'	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
2.	xi	'he'	hira	'diamond'	9
3. -/e/	xetu	'dam'	hetu	'cause'	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	xeteli	'bed'	heruva	'losing'	9
4. -/ɛ/	xsha	'sufferings: due to one's own folly'	heskan	'the act of taunting a person by re- minding him of favour conferred'	1, 2, 3
5.	xsta	'pale'	hsta-ɔpərə	'interference'	4, 5, 6, 7
6.	xena	'army'	hənə-husa	'incorrect pronunciation'	9
7. -/ɔ/	xar	'manure; substance'	har	'defeat; neck- less'	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
8.	xal	'loom'	hal	'plough'	8, 9
9. -/ɔ/	xɔrn	'protection'	horən	'theft, division'	1-7
10.	xɔra	'fallen'	hara	'defeated'	9
11. -/ɔ/	xoropa	'sluggish'	horopa	'depressed'	1-7
12.	xola	'toothless'	hola	'pit'	9
13. -/ɔ/	xorua	'to be saving' (from danger)	horua	'to be departing'	1-7
14.	xoru	'small'	hortu	'cheekbone'	9
15. -/u/	xukia	'separate'	hukia	'utterance of curt words'	1-7
16.	xuta	'thread'	huta	'rough, harsh'	9

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17.	/i/+	oxitsɔ	'impolite' : 'special'	ohit bihit	'injury' 'legitimate'	1-7 9
18.		bixistsɔ				
19.	/e/	oxex	'boundless':	shetuk	'unnecessary'	1-7, 9
20.	/ɛ/	exɛr	'one sex': (male)	əher	'from this place'	1-7
21.		pɔxɛkia	'weekly' :	matɛkia	'monthly'	9
22.	/ə/	ɔxar	'useless' :	əhar	'fed'	1-7
23.		pxɔxar	'expansion' :	pxɔhar	'boasting'	9
24.	/ɔ/	baxɔna	'desire' :	bahɔna	'pretence'	1-7
25.		xexɔr	'of me': 'remaining'	kahɔr	'of earth'	9
26.	/o/	ɔxok	'a kind of flower'	ahom	'name of a tribe'	1-7
27.		kixor	'a young person'	xahom	'ancestral property'	9
28.	/ɔ/	kaxɔria	'neighbouring' :	xahɔxi	'congregans'	1-7
29.		kaxɔria	do :	xehɔtia	'Born or produced last of all'	9
30.	/u/	oxur	'demon' :	xəhur	'father-in-law'	1-7
31.		kuxum	'flower' :	*kukum	'the yolk of an egg'	9

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32. /i/-	bix	'pain'	:	bih	'poison'	1 - 5, 7, 9
33. /a/-	kax	'side'	:	kah	'cough'	do
34. /ɔ/-	xahɔx	'courage'	:	xah	'kernel of a fruit; courage'	do
35. -/u/	axu	'speedy'	:	ahu	'a kind of paddle'	do
36. /əl-	bax	'abode'	:	bah	'nest'	do
37. -/i/	pexi	'muscle'	:	pehi	'aunt' (father's younger sister)	4, 5, 7, 9
38. -/ə/	xəsotia	'sared'	:	həsəti	'handkerchief'	1 - 5, 7
39. -/y/	xiyhs	'lion'	:	hiyxɔk	'jealous'	do
40. /ŋ/-	xɔŋxar	'world'	:	xɔŋhar	'destruction'	do
41. -/ö/	xö	'right side'	:	hö	'take' (2nd Person Imperative)	do
42. /r/-	kørxał	'a plug driven in the bottom or side, of a boat'	:	kørha	'to plough once'	do
43. /r/-	ghørxitɔ	'rubbed'	:	gorhitɔ	'despised'	do

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44. /i/	sira	'a pool; pounded like'	:	zira	'cumin seeds; to rest'	3, 4, 5
45. /e/	seni	'sugar'	:	zeni	'wherever'	do
46. /ɛ/	seka	'stain'	:	zeka	'damp'	de
47. /a/	sal	'skin'	:	zal	'net'	de
48. /ɔ/	soka	'tyre'	:	zoka	'a large metallic pot'	de
49. /o/	sola	'an upper garment'	:	zola	'section of a cotton pod'	de
50. /ɔ/	soria	'spy'	:	zoria	'one suffering from fever'	do
51. /u/	suri	'daguer'	:	zuri	'a stream'	de
52. /i/	osin	'unknown'	:	ɔzin	'undigested'	de
53. /e/	beseri	'a distressed person'(fem)	:	bezera-bezeri	'acrimonious speech'	de
54. /ɛ/	lesera	'a wisp of thread; a kind of bean'	:	gezera	'an ornament'	de
55. /ʌ/	əsor	'scratch'	:	əzor	'snatch'	de
56. /o/	misolua	'liar'	:	bizolua	'slimy'	de
57. /u/	gusua	'removing'	:	buzua	'to make understand'	3, 4
58.	kasuti	'a small waist cloth'	:	khozuoti	'an itching sensation'	5

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60.	kasi	'sickle'	:	kazi	'skilled'	de
61.	xās	'to save'; stamp'	:	xāz	'to make; evening'	de
62.	gōsa	'lampstand'	:	gōza	'to be glowing'	de
63.	bansa	'desire'	:	anza	'curry'	de
64.	lesu	'pretext'	:	lezu	'repel'	de
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Minimal pairs for the vowels

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76. /i/	ki	'what'	10
77. /e/	keni	'where; which way'	10
78. /ɛ/	kəna	'faulty'	10
79. /a/	kal	'a space of time; season; death; an enemy'	8, 10
80. /ɔ/	kɔla	'dust'	8, 10
81. /ɒ/	kola	'lap'	8, 10
82. /ʊ/	kʊla	'black'	8, 10
83. /u/	kula	'a winnowing fan'	8, 10