

PLUTAŚIKṢĀ

Introduction

Plutaśikṣā enumerates the plutas in the Taittirīya Samhitā. In the first part of the text the beginning words of the anuvākas together with the number of plutas are listed. The total number of plutas is 41. This number includes 4 raṅgaplutas. In the second part all the words containing a pluta vowel are mentioned.

Text with Commentary

bṛhaspatisutasyāgnihotram juhoti samśravā dve dve

bṛhaspatisutsa (1.4.27) 2
āgnihotram juhoti (1.5.9) 2
samśravā (1.7.2) 2

mitro'si sapta

mitro'si (1.8.16) 7

prathamatvaṣṭā brahmavādino'dbhīr manur ekamekam

prathamatvaṣṭā (2.4.12) 1
(tvāṣṭā (2.5.2)) 0
brahmavādino vadanty adbhiḥ (2.6.5) 1
manuh (2.6.7) 1

ya!dekena yajuṣā vāgvai brahmavādino vicityah paryagnir dve dve

yad ekena (5.5.1) 2
yajuṣā (5.5.3) 2
vāg vai (6.1.4) 2
brahmavādino vadanti vicityah (6.1.9) 2
paryagnih (6.3.8) 2

*paśumālabhya brahmavādinas sa tvā adhvaryus syād yas somam prāṇo! vā
upāṁśupātreṇaikamekam*

paśumālabhya (6.3.10) 1
brahmavādino vadanti sa tvā adhvaryuh syād yaḥ somam (6.4.3) 1
prāṇo vā esa yad upāṁśur yad upāṁśupātreṇa (6.5.8) 1

indro vṛtram ahan tasya na madhyamā samiṣṭayajūṁṣi dve dve

indro vṛtram ahan tasya na madhyamā (6.5.9) 2
samiṣṭayajūṁṣi (6.6.2) 2

somo vai sahasram ekam

somo vai sahasram (7.1.6) 1

sahasratamyā na madhyamā dve

sahasratamyā na madhyamā (7.1.7) 2

bhūrbhuvastrīṇy utsrjyāṁ dve

bhūrbhuvaḥ (7.4.20) 3
utsrjyāṁ (7.5.7) 2

evam catvārimśatsaṁkhyāḥ plutāḥ

Note: why 40? I count 41 plutas.

*eteśāṁ madhye raṅgaplutā apyuktāḥ
tatpadāni vakṣyāmaḥ ||*

*mamāṁ tathopahūtāṁ ca ślokam atha sumaṅgalām |
vākye yad gh!rāṁ mamāmādipañcaraṅgaplutāḥ smṛtāḥ ||*

Five raṅgaplutas:

mamāṁ 7.4.20.1

यशः । ममाँ(4) ॥

upahūtāṁ 2.6.7.3

उपहूताँ(4) इत्युप-हूताँ(4) ।

suślokā4ṁ sumaṅgalā4ṁ 1.8.16.2

सुश्लोकाँ(4) इति सु-श्लोकाँ(4) । सुमङ्गलाँ(4) इति सु-मङ्गलाँ(4) ।

yad ghrāṁ TA 8.1.5

यद्धाँ (4) इत्यपतत् ।

*samhitāyāṁ plutāḥ ṣaṭtrimśat raṅgaplutāś catvārah
parāyāte ekāṁ evam militvā ekacatvārimśat atha plutodāharanavākyāni ślokarūpeṇa
spaṣṭikaroti--*

36 plutas and 4 raṅgaplutas are found in the Taittirīya Saṁhitā. One pluta is missing. Including this one the total number of all plutas is forty-one. Now he mentions the words containing the pluta in form of ślokas.

*agnā ity atha patnīvāḥ stheyo 'gnīs tvī! gṛhāi na |
upastheyā c!hinattī ca c!hinatty etī tathāstu hī ||
brahmān brahmān tathā brahmān brahmān rājān agān api |
prājāpatyās tataḥ kāryā hotavyām ca havīs tataḥ ||
somā vicityā u!ttānā anvārabhyā averapāḥ |
paśur! nā juhavānī ca mā hauṣāgnā iti smṛtāḥ ||
atiṣṭhipā yajñapatāv utsrjyām dvayam eva ca |
lājīn chācīnt sahasrām ca saptatrīṁśatplutāḥ smṛtāḥ ||*

agnā3i patnīvā3ḥ 1.4.27.1
अग्ना(३)इ । पत्नीवा(३) इति पत्नी-वा(३)ः ।

upastheyo' gnī3r nopastheyā3 iti 1.5.9.6
उपस्थेय् इत्युप-स्थेयः । अग्नी(३)ः । न । उपस्थेया(३) इत्युप-स्थेया(३)ः । ३ । इति ।

na chinattī3 iti 1.7.2.1, 1.7.2.4
न । छिन्नती(३) । इति ।

brahmā3n tvam 1.8.16.1 (2x); 1.8.16.2 (2x)
ब्रह्मा(३)न् । त्वम् ।

suślokā4ṁ sumāngalā4ṁ satyarājā3n 1.8.16.2
सुश्लोकाँ(४) इति सु-श्लोकाँ(४) । सुमङ्गलाँ(४) इति सु-मङ्गलाँ(४) । सत्यराजा(३) निति सत्य-
राजा(३)न् ।

tvī3 iti 2.4.12.6
त्वी(३) । इति ।

agā3n agnīd iti 2.6.5.6
अग्ना(३)न् । अग्नीदित्यग्नि-इत् । इति ।

upahūtā4ṁ ho iti 2.6.7.3
उपहृताँ(४) इत्युप-हृताँ(४) । हो इति । इति ।

kāryā3ḥ prajātpatyā3 iti 5.5.1.3
कार्या(३)ः । प्राजापत्या(३) इति प्राजा-पत्या(३)ः । इति ।

cetavyā3 uttānā3 iti 5.5.3.2
चेत्व्या(३)ः । उत्ताना(३) इत्युत्-ताना(३)ः । इति ।

gṛhā3i na hotavyā3m iti 6.1.4.5
गृहा(३)इ । न । होत्व्या(३)म् । इति ।

somā3 na vicityā3 iti 6.1.9.1
सोमा(३)ः । न । विचित्या(३) इति वि-चित्या(३)ः । इति ।

paśū3r nānvārabhyā3 iti 6.3.8.1
पशु(३)ः । न । अन्वारभ्या(३) इत्यनु-आरभ्या(३)ः । इति ।

havī3ḥ śamitar iti 6.3.10.1
हृवी(३)ः । शमितः । इति ।

aver apā3 iti 6.4.3.4
अवे । अपा(३)ः । ६ । इति ।

agnā3 iti 6.5.8.4
अग्ना(३) । इति ।

juhavānī3 mā hauṣā3m iti 6.5.9.1
जुहवानी(३) । मा । हौषा(३)म् । इति ।

atiṣṭhipā3 yajñapatā3v iti 6.6.2.3
यज्ञम्प्रत्यतिष्ठिपाऽ यज्ञपुताऽ विति स हौवाच
अतिष्ठिपा(३)ः । यज्ञपुता(३)विति यज्ञ-पुता(३)उ । इति ।

astu hī3 iti 7.1.6.1
अस्तु । ही(३) । इति ।

etī3 sahasratamīṁ sahasrā3m iti 7.1.7.4
 एती३ । सुहस्रतमीमिति॑ सहस्र-तमी॑म् । सुहस्रा३म् । इति॑ ।

lājī3ñ chācī3n yaśo mamā4m 7.4.20.1
 लाजी३न् । शाची३न् । यशः॑ । ममाँ४(4)

utsṛjyā3m notsṛjyā3m iti 7.5.7.1
 उथसृज्या३मि॒त्यु॑त्-सृज्या३म् । न । उथसृज्या३मि॒त्यु॑त्-सृज्या३म् । इति॑ ।

Note: 23 ā3 + 10 ī3 + 1 ū3 + 2 ā3i (pluta of e) + 1 ā3u (pluta of au) = 37 plutas; 4 ā4 raṅgaplutas.

mamāmyādipañcaraṅgaplutāḥ ślokarupeṇa pūrvavaṇaivoktāḥ

The five raṅgaplutas beginning with mamām have been mentioned above in form of a śloka.

*hauṣāṁ pūrvam̄ makārastu sahasrāṁ pūrvatas tam!īm
 yadvikarṇī yadvikarṇī catvāro na plutāḥ smṛtāḥ*

The four words mā before hauṣā3m (6.5.9.1), tamīṁ before sahasrām (7.1.7.4), yadvikarṇī and yadvikarṇīm (5.3.7.4) are not pluta.

यत्॑ । वि॑कृण्णिति॑ वि॑-कृण्ण॑ । ९ । यत्॑ । वि॑कृण्णिमिति॑ वि॑-कृण्ण॑म्॑ । 5.3.7.4

iti plutavicārah

*karotu tām abhīmām ca indrasya tanuvam̄ priyām! |
 mayi dakṣakratū svinnasnātvī na plutasamjñikāḥ ||*

Not pluta are:

karotu tām 4.1.5.2
 कृरोतु॑ । ताम्॑ ।

abhīmām 4.1.6.2
 अभी॑ति॑ । इ॒माम्॑ ।

indrasya tanuvam̄ priyām 7.4.20.1
 इन्द्रस्य॑ । तुनुवम्॑ । प्रियाम्॑ ॥

mayi dakṣakratū 2.5.2.4

मयि॑ । दृख्य-कृतू॑ इति॑ दृख्य-कृतू॑ । इति॑ ।

svin nasnātvī ?

khātvī 4.1.1.4

अग्निम्॑ । खात्वी॑ । नः॑ ।

plutaprakaraṇam samāptam

iti plutaśikṣā samāptā

Appendix

Plutaprakaraṇa of the Vyāsaśikṣā

plutaprakaraṇam 25

415-16: Definition of raṅgapluta

*akārāntah pluto yaś ced anunāsika ucyate 415
amatradhvani tulyaśca raṅgasamjñā itīryate 416*

417: Five raṅgaplutas in the Taittirīya Śākhā

418: Four long raṅgas in the Kāthaka Āraṇyaka

*ślokāṁ galāṁ mamāṁ hūtāṁ yadghrāṁ eveti ca plutāḥ 417
dīrghā devāṁ u tām imy amṛvāṁ a svāṁ aham kāhe 418*

419-30: Plutas in the Taittirīya Samhitā, Brāhmaṇa and Āraṇyaka:

*patnīvāś cetavyāḥ kāryāś cityārabhyāḥ patāu ca 419
hotavyāṁ satyarājāṁś ca srijyāṁ prāsyāṁś ca mīyatām 420
kartavyā sahasrām adrāk somāḥ krāmāś ca hā iti 421
brahmān tvāṁ dvipadāṁ hauśām stheyā agnā i vaty agān 422
hāva ratnīś chinattī ca juhavānī ca gacchatī 423
etī lājīn chācīn sarve tv antodāttā plutā ime 424
patyā iti gr̥hā i tvī uttānā ity aver apāh 425
somapā asomapā dvāv aśnutā!v atiṣṭhipāy 426
sāvitrān na vetthā dvau vyam agnihotrām na ceti ca 427
avetyo 'vabhr̥thā nā dvau rabhyāḥ paśūś śrtam havīḥ 428
stheyo 'gnīr dha svid āśīd dvāv astu hī iva vindatī 429
nakam̥ tripañcāśadūrdhvam̥ caturñām̥ daśamāḥ plutāḥ 430*

Plutas in the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa

dvādaśavikrāmā3 iti 1.1.4.1
adrā3g iti 1.1.4.2
hotavyam agnihotrā3ṁ na hotavyā3m iti 1.1.6.9
prāsyā3ṁ na prāsyā3m iti 1.3.10.6
mīyatā3 na pramīyatā3 iti 1.4.10.10
brahmā3n tvam 1.7.10.2; 1.7.10.3 (3x)
suślokā4ṁ sumāṅgalā4ṁ satyarājā3n iti 1.7.10.6; 2.6.5.3
juhavānī3 mā hauṣā3m iti 2.1.2.2
ātman hā3 iti 2.3.6.1
iva vindati3 2.5.5.6
avetyo 'vabhṛthā3 nā3 iti 2.7.9.5
svid āsī3d upari svid āsī3t 2.8.9.5
upahūtā4ṁ ho 3.5.8.2; 3.5.13.2
kartavyā3 trayodaśāratnī3r iti 3.8.3.3
lājī3ñ chācī3n yaśo mamā4ṁ iti 3.9.4.8
hotavyā3ṁ dvipadā3 iti 3.9.12.3
sāvitrā3n na vettihā3 iti 3.10.9.3 (2x)

Note: Total number of plutas in the Brāhmaṇa is 39.

Plutas in the Taittirīya Āranyaka

somapā3 asomapā3 iti 1.9.7
hotavyam dīksitasya grhā3i na hotavyā3m iti 5.2.2
hotavyam agnihotrā3ṁ na hotavyā3m iti 5.8.10
hotavyā3m iti 5.8.13
kaścana gacchatī3 8.6.1
kaścit samaśnutā3u 8.6.1
hā3vu hā3vu hā3vu 9.10.1
prathamajā ṛtā3sya 9.10.1
amṛtasya nā3bhāyi 9.10.1
sa id eva mā3vāḥ 9.10.1
ā3dmi 9.10.1
hā3vu 9.10.1

Ṣadvimśatisūtra 78-80

78: A list of anuvākas of the Taiitirīya Saṁhitā containing pluta vowels.

bṛhaspatisutasyāgnihotram saṁśravā dvedve || mitro 'si sapta | tvaṣṭā brahmavādino adbhir manur ekamekam / yad ekena yajuṣā vāg vai brahmavādino vicityah paryagnir dvedve / paśumālabhya brahmavādinas sa tvai prāṇo vā ekamekam | indro vṛtram ahan na madhyamam dve | samiṣṭa yajūṁṣi dve | somo vā ekamekam | sahasratamyā na madhyamam dve / bhūstrīny utsṛjyām na madhyamam dve | ekacatvāriṁśat plutāḥ 78

Note: This list (78) is almost the same as the first part of the Plutaśikṣā. The total number of plutas in the Saṁhitā is forty-one (ekacatvāriṁśat plutāḥ).

79: A list of anuvākas of the Taiitirīya Brāhmaṇ containing pluta vowels.

dvādaśasu devāsurā indro vṛtram hatvāgnir vāvasamvatsaro dve dve | mitrosi sapta | prajāpatir agnin na madhyamam dve | prajāpatir vyasraṁsata yajño rāya ekamekam | mitro'si trīṇi | prajāpatis tā odanam tā sūryā candramasā dve dve | upahūtam upahūtam ekamekam / yo vai brahmaṇe dve | yuñjanti trīṇi | aśvasya dve | prajāpatir devān dve dve | naikacatvāriṁśat plutāḥ | 79

80: A list of anuvākas of the Taiitirīya Āraṇyaka containing pluta vowels.

viśvā agniś ca sāvitram asanneva dvayam dvayam | devā ekannakam sapta śodasāraṇyake plutāḥ 80

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The transliterated text of the Plutaśikṣā is based on Peter Freund's Devanāgarī edition

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