

Annotated Database of Early Mediaeval North Indian Copper Plate Grants

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The early mediaeval (up to 13th c. A.D.) land grants of North India written in Sanskrit language and published for more than two centuries of Indian Studies in different journals, periodicals, compendiums and monographs are **the main object of the manuscript**. The vast majority of them are inscribed in copper plates (CP). They are collected in a Database that consists of two main tables made in Microsoft Access format: **1) “List”** and **2) “Bibliography”**. At the moment the table “List” consists of 1215 entries and the table “Bibliography” consists of 3080 entries. For comparison purposes the DB comprises also about 100 inscriptions on stone that mainly have information about land transactions (not more than 10 of them are the real land grants), about 60 CP grants of the later periods (up to 19th c. A.D.) and about 20 CP grants belonging to Southern India (Deccan area). This means that actually the total number of Early Mediaeval North Indian Copper Plate Grants under research exceeds **1000**.

There are 17 fields (or properties) for filling out the **1) “List”** table of DB and 8 fields for filling out the **2) “Bibliography”** table. Namely they are for **1) “List”**: Code (or Number), Name (of inscription), State (modern division and name), District (modern division and name), Century (Christian era), Year (Christian era), (name of the) Dynasty, (name of the) Ruler, (number of) Plates (with the designation of the sides on which the text was incised), (number of) Lines, ArSanct/Grant (correlation between arenga or preamble + sanction or prohibition parts and grant or business part of inscription – in lines), Script (of the inscription), Persons00 (number of persons mentioned in “Persons01” field), Persons01 (list of persons – officials or titles mentioned as witnesses of the transaction), Persons02 (list of inhabitants of the granted villages or territories), Taxes00 (number of taxes granted to the donee), Taxes01 (list of taxes granted to the donee); for **2) “Bibliography”**: Code (or Number), Name (name of inscription of the table “List”), Edition Name, Author’s Name, Year (of edition), Volume, Number (of the publication), Pages.

For reference purposes there is also a digital collection of all published texts mainly with plates made as images both in Adobe Photoshop (psd) and Microsoft Office (tiff) formats connected with the main DB.