

8. *Viṣṇugopa* (No. 1, L. 19) :  
A ruler of Kāñcī. According to Diskalkar *Viṣṇugopa* is undoubtedly identical with an early Pallava king of that name.<sup>22</sup>

It can be a synonym of Lord Kṛṣṇa who originally an incarnation of Viṣṇu took his birth as the son of Nanda who was a Gopa.

Now we study the names grouping them according to their suffixes.

#### *Names ending in 'datta'*

##### 1. *Parṇadatta* (No. 14, L. 8, L. 9) :

He is mentioned as a ruler of Surāṣṭra appointed by Skandagupta. He was the father of governor Cakrapālita. Sankalia considers it to be an Iranian name.<sup>23</sup> But it can very well be an Indian name. *Parṇa* means a leaf and is as well the name of a tree called *Palāśa*. We find '*Parṇadatta*' to be the name of a man in the *Maitrāyaṇī Saṁhitā*.<sup>24</sup> It signifies 'a person born as a result of the worship of the *Parṇa* (*Palāśa*) tree'.

##### 2. *Svāmidatta*<sup>25</sup> (No. 1, L. 19) :

He is mentioned as one of the *Dakṣiṇāpatha* kings. He was a ruler of *Koṭṭūra* and was defeated by *Samudragupta*.

Literally the name means 'given by God', the first part being *Svāmin* and the second *datta*'.

#### *Names ending in 'Giri'*

##### 1. *Mahendragiri*<sup>26</sup> (No. 1, L. 19) :

The first part is *Mahendra*, i.e., the great *Indra* and the second is '*giri*', which means a mountain. It is also an honorific name later on given to one of the ten orders of the *Das-nami Gosains* (founded by ten pupils of *Śaṅkarācārya*; the word *giri* is added to the name of each member).<sup>27</sup> We also find it used with the names of ascetics.

He was one of the *Dakṣiṇāpatha* kings defeated by *Samudragupta*.

#### *Names ending in Mitra*

##### *Puṣyamitra* (No. 13, L. 11.) :

The name is mentioned in plural.<sup>28</sup> It is said that *Puṣyamitras*