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It is interesting to note that *Dadda* is also an English slang word meaning 'a foolish person'.

5. Haritrāta (No. 16, L. 5) :

The first part of the name is Hari, which means 'God' and is also the name among others of Lord Viṣṇu and Kṛṣṇa. Generally Hari is derived from  $\sqrt{hr}$ ' to take away or remove evil or sin.<sup>23</sup> The second part 'trāta' means 'protected'. Thus the whole literally means 'protected by Hari'.<sup>24</sup> Haritrāta was a brāhmaņa belonging to the community of the Caturvedins of the locality called Padmā in the town named Indrapura.

6. Karppațika<sup>25</sup> (No. 34, L. 6) :

The inscription records the purchase of land measuring one kulyavāpa by a brāhmaņa, named Karppatika, for the purpose of his *agnihotra* rites.

The word 'Karpațika' or Kārpațika means 'acting deceitfully, fradulent, dishonest, a rogue, cheat'.<sup>26</sup> It also means a beggar.<sup>27</sup> Both the meanings may be applied here.

7. Traividya (No. 40, L. 8; L. 9) :

His real name which occurs in L. 6 of the inscription was 'Jayabhattisvāmin'. He was also known as Traividya The term literally means 'one who knows the three Vedas—Rk, Sāma and Yajus'.

## NAMES OF JAINAS AND BAUDDHAS

1. Abhayamitra (No. 48, L. 2; No. 54, L. 2):

The name consisting of two parts 'abhaya' and 'mitra' can mean a friend of unfearfulness or 'an unfearful friend'. 'Abhaya' is also the name of Lord Śiva<sup>28</sup> and 'mitra' is a synonym for the god Sun. Thus it may also be a name formed by combining the names of two deities as in the case of Rāmakṛṣṇa. Abhayamitra was the name of a Buddhist monk who caused a *pratimā* to be built.

2. Bhadra (No. 22, L. 4):

It is the name of a Jaina Ācārya. Literally it means 'blessed, auspicious, fortunate, prosperous, happy'. *Bhadra* is also the name of Lord Śiva.<sup>29</sup>

3. Bhattibhava (No. 31, L. 2):