

of this inscription also belongs to Indrapura.

Now we find two different spellings of Indrāpura in lines 5 and 6 and Indrapura in lines 7 and 8.²⁵⁴

What we can find out here is that the affix 'ka' in lines 5 and 6 is very important which seems to have grammatically a succinct purpose here. The vṛddhi of the first vowel 'i' was desirable here as is also clear by the use of affix 'ka' in the Allahabad Inscription of Samudragupta.²⁵⁵ So it is a weaker form of the affix 'ka', without vṛddhi of the vowel in the first syllable.²⁵⁶ The writer seems to have used the long vowel (with the last syllable of Indra) instead of vṛddhi in the first syllable to avoid confusion between Aindrapura and Indrapura. We do not find any such example of the elongation of vowel in the classical Sanskrit literature though we find its rare use in Vedic literature.²⁵⁷ So we shall translate 'Indrāpuraka Padmā' as 'Padmā of (the town of) Indrapura and 'Indrapuraka-vaṇigbhyām' as 'merchants of (the town of) Indrapura'. This Indrapura is the same as modern Indor,²⁵⁸ near Dībhāi, Bulandshahr district, U.P.²⁵⁹ The ancient town of Indrapura was situated on a large and lofty mound about five miles to the north-west of Dībhāi.²⁶⁰ Now-a-days it is only a kheḍā or deserted mound, and is not shown in maps²⁶¹

(5) *Kartṛpura* (No.I, L.22):

Though the most accepted and correct reading is Kartṛpura, some scholars prefer to read Katṛipura²⁶² or Kātripura.²⁶³

It is one of the five frontier kingdoms²⁶⁴ mentioned in the inscription whose kings did homage and paid tribute to Samudragupta. Scholars differ in their views about the identification of this place-name :

According to Smith,²⁶⁵ this kingdom 'occupied the lower ranges of the western Himalayas, including probably Kumaon, Garhwal, and Kangra'. Oldham²⁶⁶ holds that the kingdom of Kātripura, included Kumaon, Almora, Garhwal and Kangra. Fleet²⁶⁷ suggests that the name may survive in Kartarpur in the Jullundur district.

We prefer the view of Daśaratha Sharma.²⁶⁸ His contention is that amongst the five frontier kingdoms mentioned in the inscription, the first three belong to the East, the fourth one belongs to the North, hence it will be better to leave aside