

half of a *kheṭa*.<sup>392</sup> Cities other than the capital are called *Karvaṭa*, a little less is *Nigama* and lesser is *grāma* and still lesser is a house.<sup>393</sup>

*Grāma* is changed into *gaon*,<sup>394</sup> as *Suvarṇagrāma*, *Sonār-gaon* ; *Kalahagrāma*, *Kahalgao*.

Following are the place-name with this suffix. We have also included here some place-names which are villages though they have not been termed as such with this suffix.

(1) *Bhadrapuṣkaragrāma* (No. 40, L. 5) :

*Bhadra* means 'good or auspicious and *Puṣkara* (modern *Pokhara*) means 'a pond or lake'. So literally the name would mean 'a village possessing an auspicious or good pond'. It has not so far been identified.<sup>395</sup>

(2) *Bhāraḍidasamada* (No. 39, L. 11) :

It is the name of a village. The name of the place where the *liṅga* containing the inscription was found is said to be *Bhārādihī* *Ḍih*,<sup>396</sup> *Bhāraḍī* of our inscription may also be compared with 'bharaḍiya' of the *Sāñcī* *stūpa* inscription.<sup>397</sup> *Samada* is possibly *Samudra*, an epithet for *Śiva*. D.C. Sircar takes 'Samudra' to be the 'nām-aika-deśa of a deity called *Samuderśvara*' and suggests that the relevant passage is to be corrected as '*pārago bharaḍida-samudreśvara*'.<sup>398</sup> The meaning of the passage is difficult to explain.

(3) *Chaṇḍagrāma* (No. 33, L. 3) :

The village is difficult to identify.<sup>399</sup> *Caṇḍa* is the Prakritic form of *Candra*<sup>400</sup> which means 'the moon'. Thus the village seems to have been named after the Moon-god. But *Caṇḍa* may also mean ferocious or turbulent and in that case it may have been so named because of its wild looks or its violent population.

(4) *Citravātaṅgara*<sup>401</sup> (No. 43, L.24) :

It is the name of a village. *Citra* means 'excellent' or distinguished<sup>402</sup> and *vātaṅgara* (from *vātaṅkara*) means 'producing wind'. Thus the whole will literally mean 'which produces excellent wind or air'. The village might have been noted for its healthy and open atmosphere.

(5) *Doṅgā-grāma* (No. 34, L.11; No. 36. L.6):

In No. 34 we get a reference to 'Doṅgā', but in No. 36, the name appears as *Doṅgā-grāma*.