13. Sũryya-kṣetra (No. 52, L. 25):

The field of Sūryya. The field may belong to a person named Sūryya or it may be a place of Sun-worship.

14. Vișnuvardhaki-kșetra (No. 52, L. 19):

The field of Viṣṇuvardhaki. Viṣṇu is the first part of the name based on god Viṣṇu. The second part of his name seems to be dropped and instead his professional epithet 'vardhakin' has been added which means 'a carpenter'. 519 In Sāñcī Stūpa Inscriptions we get the word 'vaḍakina' which is the same as Sanskrit 'vardhakin' and means 'carpenter'. 520 In the Aṅgavijjā, 521 we get the word 'vaṭṭaki' which denotes a metal worker.

15. Vaidya-kṣetra (No. 52, L. 22):

The field of Vaidya, i.e. a physician.

16. Yajñarāta-kṣetra (No. 52, L. 27):

The field of Yajñarāta. Yajña means sacrifice or worship and rāta means 'given' presented, bestowed'. 522 The whole will literally mean 'given by Yajña'. The field may be a place of worship or sacrifice. Because of the performance of Yajña on a certain occasion the field came to be so named as if it was a permanent place of sacrifice or the field might have been named after a person 'Yajñarāta'.

Place-names ending in Puşkarinī

## Pușkariņī

Puṣkara means a blue lotus so Puṣkariṇī denotes a lotus pool. It also means a lake or pool in general.<sup>523</sup> The names of some localities associated with pokharās or tanks have survived to modern times.

Following are the place-names with this suffix:

1. *Daṇḍa-Puṣkiṇī* (No. 52, L. 31):

Though the reading is Daṇḍapuṣkiṇĩ, it is to be corrected as Daṇḍa-puṣkariṇī. 524 Daṇḍa meaning punishment or rod seems to be a personal name here and the puṣkariṇī was named after him or else it may have been in his possession.

2. Dosī-bhoga-puskarinī (No.52, L 20):

Dosī may stand for Sanskrit jyotişi meaning astrologer. 525 Bhoga may be a personal name, thus the name may stand for