

between round brackets, the name of the plant may be valid or invalid. I refrained from decisions regarding the validity of this type of names, prescribed by the International Code, by reason of my insufficient knowledge of botanical taxonomy and the complicated chronological problems which beset the field of nomenclature. In many cases, however, I tried to supply the synonyms necessary to construct the names in the way prescribed by the Code or to check those put between square brackets.

Names of varieties have been put between square brackets too when not recorded in the Index; for the greater part they are not found in the latter; whenever possible, i.e. whenever the botanical literature was accessible to me, I referred to botanical works in which the particular variety is described.

*akṣa*

(1) = *vibhītaka* (Avk; Bpn, p. 9; Dgv, nr. 149; Dn 1, 212; Gul; HB; HK; KB 2, p. 1017-1020; MW; Pr 220; PW; Rn 11, 322-323; V 6, p. 160; Vśś);

(2) a) = *rudrākṣa* (Avk; Vśś);

b) the seed of *rudrākṣa* (MW; PW);

(3) a) = *indrākṣa* (Vśś : = the tuberous root of the creeper called *ṛṣabhaka*);

b) = *ṛṣabhaka* (Avk; Vśś); *ṛṣabhaka* is an unidentifiable plant, but Vśś identifies it as *CARPOPOGON PRURIENS*; see : *kapi-kacchā*;

(4) = *devaśirīṣa* (Vśś, unidentified).

*agaru* (sometimes considered to be a synonym of *aguru*)

(1) a) Chopra : [COMMIPHORA ROXBURGHII (ARN.) ENGL.] = [C. AGALLOCHA (WIGHT ET ARN.) ENGL.] = BALSAMODENDRUM ROXBURGHII ARN. = AMYRIS COMMIPHORA ROXB.;

b) KB 1, p. 528-529 : COMMIPHORA AGALLOCHA ENGL. = BALSAMODENDRUM ROXBURGHII ARN. = AMYRIS COMMIPHORA ROXB.; the Index Kewensis disagrees with Chopra and KB and distinguishes:

a) COMMIPHORA MUKUL ENGL. = C. ROXBURGHII ENGL. = BALSAMODENDRUM ROXBURGHII STOCKS = B. WIGHTII ARN.;

b) COMMIPHORA ROXBURGHII ALSTON = C. AGALLOCHA ENGL. = BALSAMODENDRUM AGALLOCHA WIGHT ET ARN. = B. COMMIPHORA