

# PLUTAŚIKṢĀ

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## Introduction

Plutaśikṣā enumerates the plutas in the Taittirīya Saṁhitā. In the first part of the text the beginning words of the anuvākas together with the number of plutas are listed. The total number of plutas is 41. This number includes 4 raṅgaplutas. In the second part all the words containing a pluta vowel are mentioned.

## Text with Commentary

*bṛhaspatisutasyāgnihotraṁ juhōti samśravā dve dve*

bṛhaspatisutasya (1.4.27) 2

āgnihotraṁ juhōti (1.5.9) 2

samśravā (1.7.2) 2

*mitro'si sapta*

mitro'si (1.8.16) 7

*prathamatvaṣṭā brahmavādino'dbhir manur ekamekam*

prathamatvaṣṭā (2.4.12) 1

(tvāṣṭā (2.5.2)) 0

brahmavādino vadanty adbhiḥ (2.6.5) 1

manuḥ (2.6.7) 1

*ya!dekena yajuṣā vāgvai brahmavādino vicityaḥ paryagnir dve dve*

yad ekena (5.5.1) 2

yajuṣā (5.5.3) 2

vāg vai (6.1.4) 2

brahmavādino vadanti vicityaḥ (6.1.9) 2

paryagniḥ (6.3.8) 2

*paśumālabhya brahmavādinā sa tvā adhvaryuḥ syād yas somaṁ prāṇo! vā  
upāṁśupātrenaikamekam*

paśum ālabhya (6.3.10) 1

brahmavādinō vadanti sa tvā adhvaryuḥ syād yaḥ somam (6.4.3) 1  
prāṇo vā eṣa yad upāṁśur yad upāṁśupātreṇa (6.5.8) 1

*indro vṛtram ahan tasya na madhyamā samīṣṭayajūṁṣi dve dve*

indro vṛtram ahan tasya na madhyamā (6.5.9) 2  
samīṣṭayajūṁṣi (6.6.2) 2

*somo vai sahasram ekam*

somo vai sahasram (7.1.6) 1

*sahasratamyā na madhyamā dve*

sahasratamyā na madhyamā (7.1.7) 2

*bhūrbhuvatrīṇy utsrjyām dve*

bhūrbhuvāḥ (7.4.20) 3  
utsrjyām (7.5.7) 2

*evam catvāriṁśatsamkhyāḥ plutāḥ*

Note: why 40? I count 41 putas.

*eteṣāṁ madhye raṅgaplutā apyuktāḥ  
tatpadāni vakṣyāmaḥ ||*

*mamām̐ tathopahūtām̐ ca ślokaṁ atha sumaṅgalām̐ |  
vākye yad ghṛām̐ mamāmādipañcaraṅgaplutāḥ smṛtāḥ ||*

Five raṅgaplutas:

mamām̐ 7.4.20.1  
यशः । म॒माँ(4) ॥

upahūtām̐ 2.6.7.3  
उप॑हूताँ(4) इत्युप॑-हूताँ(4) ।

suślokā4m̐ sumaṅgalā4m̐ 1.8.16.2  
सु॒श्लो॒काँ(4) इति॒ सु-श्लो॒काँ(4) । सुमं॑ङ्ग॒लाँ(4) इति॒ सु-मं॑ङ्ग॒लाँ(4) ।

yad ghrām̐ TA 8.1.5

यद्वाँ (4) इत्यपतत् ।

*saṁhitāyām plutāḥ ṣaṭtrimśat raṅgaplutāś catvāraḥ  
parāyāte ekaṁ evaṁ militvā ekacatvārimśat atha plutodāharaṇavākyāni ślokarūpeṇa  
spaṣṭīkaroti--*

36 plutas and 4 raṅgaplutas are found in the Taittirīya Saṁhitā. One pluta is missing. Including this one the total number of all plutas is forty-one. Now he mentions the words containing the pluta in form of ślokaḥ.

*agnā ity atha patnīvāḥ stheyo 'gnīs tvī! grhāi na |  
upastheyā c!hinattī ca c!hinatty etī tathāstu hī ||  
brahmān brahmān tathā brahmān brahmān rājān agān api |  
prājāpatyās tataḥ kāryā hotavyām ca havīs tataḥ ||  
somā vicinityā u!ttānā anvārabhyā averapāḥ |  
paśūr! nā juhavānī ca mā hauṣāgnā iti smṛtāḥ ||  
atiṣṭhipā yajñapatāv utsṛjyām dvayam eva ca |  
lājīnī chācīnt sahasrām ca sapatrimśatplutāḥ smṛtāḥ ||*

agnā3i patnīvā3h 1.4.27.1

अग्ना(३)इ । पत्नीवा(३) इति पत्नी-वा(३)ः ।

upastheyo' gnī3r nopastheyā3 iti 1.5.9.6

उपस्थेय इत्युप-स्थेयः । अग्नी(३)ः । न । उपस्थेया(३) इत्युप-स्थेया(३)ः । 3 । इति ।

na chinattī3 iti 1.7.2.1, 1.7.2.4

न । छिनत्ती(३) । इति ।

brahmā3n tvam 1.8.16.1 (2x); 1.8.16.2 (2x)

ब्रह्मा(३)न् । त्वम् ।

suślokā4m̐ sumaṅgalā4m̐ satyarājā3n 1.8.16.2

सुश्लोकाँ(4) इति सु-श्लोकाँ(4) । सुमङ्गलाँ(4) इति सु-मङ्गलाँ(4) । सत्यराजा(३) निति सत्य-  
राजा(३)न् ।

tvī3 iti 2.4.12.6

त्वी(३) । इति ।

agā3n agnīd iti 2.6.5.6

अगा(३)न् । अग्नीदित्यग्नि-इत् । इति ।

upahūtā4m ho iti 2.6.7.3

उपहूताँ(4) इत्युप-हूताँ(4) । हो इति । इति ।

kāryā3h prajātpatyā3 iti 5.5.1.3

कार्या(३)ः । प्राजापत्या(३) इति प्राजा-पत्या(३)ः । इति ।

cetavyā3 uttānā3 iti 5.5.3.2

चेत्व्या(३)ः । उत्ताना(३) इत्युत्-ताना(३)ः । इति ।

grhā3i na hotavyā3m iti 6.1.4.5

गृहा(३)इ । न । होत्व्या(३)म् । इति ।

somā3 na vicinityā3 iti 6.1.9.1

सोमा(३)ः । न । विचित्या(३) इति वि-चित्या(३)ः । इति ।

paśū3r nānvārabhyā3 iti 6.3.8.1

पशू(३)ः । न । अन्वारभ्या(३) इत्यनु-आरभ्या(३)ः । इति ।

havī3h śamitar iti 6.3.10.1

हवी(३)ः । शमितः । इति ।

aver apā3 iti 6.4.3.4

अवेः । अपा(३)ः । 6 । इति ।

agnā3 iti 6.5.8.4

अग्ना(३) । इति ।

juhavānī3 mā hauṣā3m iti 6.5.9.1

जुहवा॒नी(३) । मा । हौषा(३)म् । इति ।

atiṣṭhipā3 yajñapata3v iti 6.6.2.3

य॒ज्ञ॒म्रत्य॑तिष्ठि॒पा ३ य॒ज्ञ॒प॒ता ३ वि॒ति स हो॑वाच  
अ॒ति॒ष्ठि॒पा(३)ः । य॒ज्ञ॒प॒ता॒वि॒ति य॒ज्ञ॒प॒तौ । इति ।

astu hī3 iti 7.1.6.1

अस्तु । ही(३) । इति ।

etī3 sahasratamīm sahasrā3m iti 7.1.7.4

एती(३) । सहस्रतमीमिति सहस्र-तमीम् । सहस्रा(३)म् । इति ।

lājī3ñ chācī3n yaśo mamā4m 7.4.20.1

लाजी(३)न् । शाची(३)न् । यशः । ममाँ(४)

utsrjyā3m notsrjyā3m iti 7.5.7.1

उत्सृज्या(३)मित्युत्-सृज्या(३)म् । न । उत्सृज्या(३)मित्युत्-सृज्या(३)म् । इति ।

Note: 26 ā3 + 10 ī3 + 1 ū3 = 37 plutas; 4 a4 raṅgaplutas.

*mamāmityādipañcaraṅgaplutāḥ ślokarupeṇa pūrvanaivoktāḥ*

The five raṅgaplutas beginning with mamām have been mentioned above in form of a śloka.

*hausām pūrvam makārastu sahasrām pūrvatas tam!īm*

*yadvikarṇī yadvikarṇī catvāro na plutāḥ smṛtāḥ*

The four words mā before hausā3m (6.5.9.1), tamīm before sahasrām (7.1.7.4), yadvikarṇī and yadvikarṇīm (5.3.7.4) are not pluta.

यत् । वि॒कर्णी॑ति॒ वि॒कर्णी॑ । 9 । यत् । वि॒कर्णी॑मिति॒ वि॒कर्णी॑म् । 5.3.7.4

*iti plutavicārah*

*karotu tām abhīmām ca indrasya tanuvam priyām! |*

*mayi dakṣakratū svinnasnātvī na plutasamjñikāḥ ||*

Not pluta are:

karotu tām 4.1.5.2

क॒रोतु॑ । ताम् ।

abhīmām 4.1.6.2

अ॒भी॒ति॑ । इ॒माम् ।

indrasya tanuvam priyām 7.4.20.1

इन्द्रस्य । तनुवम् । प्रियाम् ॥

mayi dakṣakratū 2.5.2.4

मयि । द॒ख्य॒क॒तू इति॑ द॒ख्य॒क॒तू । इति॑ ।

svin nasnātvī ?

khātvī 4.1.1.4

अ॒ग्निम् । खा॒त्वी । नः ।

*plutaprakaraṇam samāptam*

*iti plutaśikṣā samāptā*

## Appendix

### Plutaprakaraṇa of the Vyāsaśikṣā

*plutaprakaraṇam 25*

415-16: Definition of raṅgapluta

*akārāntaḥ pluto yaś ced anunāsika ucyate 415*

*amatradhvanitulyaśca raṅgasamjña itīryate 416*

417: Five raṅgaplutas in the Taittirīya Śākhā

418: Four long raṅgas in the Kāthaka Āraṇyaka

*ślokāṁ galāṁ mamāṁ hūtāṁ yadghrāṁ eveti ca plutāḥ 417*

*dīrghā devāṁ u tāṁ imy amṛvāṁ a svāṁ ahaṁ kaṭhe 418*

419-30: Plutas in the Taittirīya Samhitā, Brāhmaṇa and Āraṇyaka:

*patnīvāś cetavyāḥ kāryāś cityārabhyāḥ patāu ca 419*

*hotavyāṁ satyarājāṁś ca sṛjyāṁ prāśyāṁś ca mīyatām 420*

*kartavyā sahasrām adrāk somāḥ krāmāś ca hā iti 421*

*brahmān tvaṁ dvipadām hauṣām stheyā agnā i vaty agān 422*

*hāva ratnīs chinattī ca juhavānī ca gacchatī 423*

*etī lājīṇ chācīn sarve tv antodāttā plutā ime 424*

*patyā iti gṛhā i tvī uttānā ity aver apāḥ 425*

*somapā asomapā dvāv aśnutā!v atīṣṭhipāy 426*

*sāvitrān na vetthā dvau vyam agnihotrām na ceti ca 427*

*avetyo 'vabhṛthā nā dvau rabhyaḥ paśūs śṛtaṁ havīḥ 428*

*stheyo 'gnīr dha svid āsīd dvāv astu hī iva vindatī 429*  
*nakam tripañcāsādūrdhvaṁ caturṇām daśamāḥ plutāḥ 430*

## **Plutas in the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa**

dvādaśavikrāmā3 iti 1.1.4.1  
adrā3g iti 1.1.4.2  
hotavyam agnihotrā3m na hotavyā3m iti 1.1.6.9  
prāśyā3m na prāśyā3m iti 1.3.10.6  
mīyatā3 na pramīyatā3 iti 1.4.10.10  
brahmā3n tvam 1.7.10.2; 1.7.10.3 (3x)  
suślokā4m̐ sumaṅgalā4m̐ satyarājā3n iti 1.7.10.6; 2.6.5.3  
juhavānī3 mā hauṣā3m iti 2.1.2.2  
ātman hā3 iti 2.3.6.1  
iva vindatī3 2.5.5.6  
avetyo 'vabhr̥thā3 nā3 iti 2.7.9.5  
svid āsī3d upari svid āsī3t 2.8.9.5  
upahūt4m̐ ho 3.5.8.2; 3.5.13.2  
kartavyā3 trayodaśāratnī3r iti 3.8.3.3  
lājī3ñ chācī3n yaśo mamā4m̐ iti 3.9.4.8  
hotavyā3m dvipadā3 iti 3.9.12.3  
sāvitrā3n na vetthā3 iti 3.10.9.3 (2x)

Note: Total number of plutas in the Brāhmaṇa is 39.

## **Plutas in the Taittirīya Āraṇyaka**

somapā3 asomapā3 iti 1.9.7  
hotavyam dīkṣitasya grhā3i na hotavyā3m iti 5.2.2  
hotavyam agnihotrā3m na hotavyā3m iti 5.8.10  
hotavyā3m iti 5.8.13  
kaścana gacchatī3 8.6.1  
kaścit samaśnutā3u 8.6.1  
hā3vu hā3vu hā3vu 9.10.1  
prathamajā ṛtā3sya 9.10.1  
amṛtasya nā3bhāyi 9.10.1  
sa id eva mā3vāḥ 9.10.1  
ā3dmi 9.10.1  
hā3vu 9.10.1

## Ṣaḍviṃśatisūtra 78-80

78: A list of anuvākas of the Taittirīya Saṃhitā containing pluta vowels.

*bṛhaspatisutasyāgnihotraṃ saṃśravā dvedve || mitro 'si sapta | tvaṣṭā brahmavādino adbhīr  
manur ekamekam | yad ekena yajuṣā vāg vai brahmavādino vicityaḥ paryagnir dvedve |  
paśumālabhya brahmavādinā sa tvai prāṇo vā ekamekam | indro vṛtram ahan na madhyamaṃ  
dve | samīṣṭa yajūmṣi dve | somo vā ekamekam | sahasratamyā na madhyamaṃ dve |  
bhūstrīṇy utsrjyāṃ na madhyamaṃ dve | ekacatvāriṃśat plutāḥ 78*

Note: This list (78) is almost the same as the first part of the Plutaśikṣā. The total number of plutas in the Saṃhitā is forty-one (ekacatvāriṃśat plutāḥ).

79: A list of anuvākas of the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa containing pluta vowels.

*dvādaśasu devāsurā indro vṛtram hatvāgnir vāvasaṃvatsaro dve dve | mitrosi sapta |  
prajāpatir agnir na madhyamaṃ dve | prajāpatir vyasraṃsata yajño rāya ekamekam | mitro'si  
trīṇi | prajāpatis tā odanaṃ tā sūryā candramasā dve dve | upahūtam upahūtam ekamekam |  
yo vai brahmaṇe dve | yuñjanti trīṇi | aśvasya dve | prajāpatir devān dve dve |  
naikacatvāriṃśat plutāḥ | 79*

80: A list of anuvākas of the Taittirīya Āraṇyaka containing pluta vowels.

*viśvā agniś ca sāvitrā asanneva dvayaṃ dvayam | devā ekannakaṃ sapta ṣoḍaśāraṇyake  
plutāḥ 80*

## Final Notes

1. The transliterated text of the Plutaśikṣā is based on Peter Freund's Devanāgarī edition

[http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/pluta\\_shiksha.html](http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/pluta_shiksha.html)

[http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/pluta\\_shiksha.pdf](http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/pluta_shiksha.pdf)

2. The transliterated text of Plutaprakaraṇa of the Vyāsaśikṣā shown in the appendix is based on Peter Freund's Devanāgarī edition

[http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/vyasa\\_shiksha.html](http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/vyasa_shiksha.html)

[http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/vyasa\\_shiksha.pdf](http://peterffreund.com/shiksha/vyasa_shiksha.pdf)

<http://www.ibiblio.org/srmedia/ref1/Vyasa%20Siksha.pdf> (with the commentary Vedatāijasa)

3. Transliterated searchable files of the entire Taittirīya Saṃhitā, Brāhmaṇa and Āraṇyaka are downloadable on <http://www.sanskritweb.net> as ts-find.pdf, tb-find.pdf and ta-find.pdf.

3. For the Devanāgarī shown in the commentary see Taittirīya Saṃhitā

<http://www.parankusa.org/KrYajurBrowse.aspx>.

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