

## Pācittiya #88: Making a Bed or Seat Covered in Cotton

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, [some] group-of-six monks were causing beds and chairs to be made that were covered with cotton. People who were visiting the monastery, after seeing this, denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that Sakyan-son contemplatives will cause beds and chairs to be made that are covered with cotton – just like sensualistic laypeople!" Monks heard of those people – denouncing, criticizing, and castigating. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will cause beds and chairs to be made that are covered with cotton?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, caused beds and chairs to be made that were covered with cotton?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will cause beds and chairs to be made that are covered with cotton? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

**"If any monk causes a bed or chair to be made that is covered with cotton: a Pācittiya that requires tearing off [the cotton]."**

**Any monk:** ...

**Bed:** Four [kinds of] beds: long; slatted; with carved feet;<sup>690</sup> with detachable feet.

**Seat:** Four [kinds of] seats: long; slatted; with carved feet; with detachable feet.

**Cotton:** Three [kinds of] cotton: tree-cotton, vine-cotton, grass-cotton.

**Causes to be made:** For the act of making or causing to be made: a Dukkaṭa. When it has been obtained: after tearing off [the cotton], a Pācittiya is to be acknowledged.

Unfinished by oneself, completed by oneself: a Pācittiya offense.

Unfinished by oneself, completed by another: a Pācittiya offense.

Unfinished by another, completed by oneself: a Pācittiya offense.

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One makes it or causes it to be made for the sake of another: a Dukkaṭa offense.

After obtaining [an item] made by another, one uses it: a Dukkaṭa offense.

**Non-offense[s]:** A bandage; a belt; a shoulder-strap; a bowl-bag; a water-strainer; one makes a pillow<sup>691</sup>; after obtaining [an item] made by another, one uses it after tearing off [the cotton]; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.

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<sup>690</sup> *Masāraka, bundikābaddha, kuḷīrapādaka.* These first three terms are of uncertain meaning.

<sup>691</sup> *Bimbohanam.*