

Pācittiya #92: Making an Oversized Robe

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, Venerable Nanda, the Blessed One's cousin⁶⁹⁶, was shapely, attractive, pleasant, and four finger-breadths shorter than the Blessed One. He wore a robe the size of the Sugata's robe. Senior monks saw Venerable Nanda coming from afar. After seeing him, [thinking] "The Blessed One comes," they rose from their seats. When they realized who had arrived, they denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that Venerable Nanda will wear a robe the size of the Sugata's robe?" ... "Is it true that you, Nanda, wore a robe the size of the Sugata's robe?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, Nanda, will wear a robe the size of the Sugata's robe? This is not, Nanda, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"If any monk causes a robe to be made the size of the Sugata's robe or larger: a Pācittiya that requires cutting [it to the allowed size]. Here this is the size of the Sugata's robe for the Sugata: Nine spans long, six spans wide, using the Sugata-span. This is the size of the Sugata's robe for the Sugata."

Any monk: ...

The size of the Sugata's robe: Nine spans long, six spans wide, using the Sugata-span.

Causes to be made: For the act of making or causing to make: a Dukkaṭa. When it has been obtained: after cutting it, 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.

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

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]: One makes it smaller; after obtaining [a robe] made by another, one uses it after cutting it [to the allowed size]; one makes a canopy, ground-sheet, screen, mattress, or pillow; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.

⁶⁹⁶ *Mātucchāputta*. Lit. "Son of [his] mother's sister."

[Questioning]

Venerables, the ninety-two cases [requiring] confession have been recited.

I ask the Venerables about this: Are you completely pure?

A second time I ask: Are you completely pure?

A third time I ask: Are you completely pure?

The Venerables are completely pure in this, therefore they are silent, thus do I hold it.