

impossible to determine with certainty exactly what is meant ; Roth² understands it to mean a cross-piece of wood fastened to the pole.

² St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

Prati-paṇa is found in the Atharvaveda (iii. 15, 4) denoting 'barter' or 'exchange.' Cf. **Paṇa**.

Prati-prasna occurs in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa¹ applied to Prajāpati as the decider of doubts ; it may have been a technical term for an 'arbitrator' (cf. **Madhyamaśi** and **harma**).

¹ i. 4, 5, 11 ; iv. 1, 3, 14 ; Eggeling, *Sacred Books of the East*, 12, 131, and 26, 267, renders *pratiprasnam* by ' (went to Prajāpati) for his decision,' which leaves it ambiguous how he took the passages.

Prati-pra-sthātṛ is the name of a priest (Rtvij), one of the assistants of the Adhvaryu, in the later Saṃhitās and the Brāhmaṇas.¹ He is not mentioned in the Rigveda,² but mention is once made in that Saṃhitā³ of the two Adhvaryus. These may have meant, as later, the Adhvaryu and the Prati-prasthātṛ. Oldenberg,⁴ however, thinks that the Adhvaryu and the Agnīdh are intended, a conjecture for which there is some authority.⁵

¹ Taittiriya Saṃhitā, vi. 5, 3, 4 ; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, i. 29 ; vii. 1 ; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 5, 2, 2 ; 3, 13, 22, etc.

² Oldenberg, *Religion des Veda*, 384, n. 2.

³ ii. 16, 5.

⁴ *Op. cit.*, 390, n. 2.

⁵ Cf. Rv. x. 41, 3 ; Mantra in Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, i. 6, 3. Cf. Hillebrandt, *Ritualliteratur*, 97.

Prati-prās. See **Prās.**

Pratibodhī-putra is a wrong reading for **Prātibodhī-putra**.¹

¹ *Indische Studien*, 1, 391 ; Keith, *Aitareya Aranyaka*, 244, 310.

Prati-mit is found in the description of a house in the Atharvaveda.¹ The sense must be 'support' of some sort, probably beams leaning up at an angle against the **Upamits**.

¹ ix. 3, 1. Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 153 ; Bloomfield, *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 596.