Kanheri Cave 2 Back Wall Inscription

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〈1〉 □nāsikakasa nāka〈2〉ṇakasa sata deyadhama

Commentary

〈2〉 *sata*. B+B take this as corresponding to Skt. *sadas* with the meaning “seat(s)”. However, Nagaraju suggests that it is instead equivalent with Skt. satra which he takes as meaning “hall for the distribution of food” based on a definition provided in the *Pāiā Sadda Mahāṇṇavo*.

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