Mehrauli Iron Pillar Inscription of Candra

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1. Śārdūlavikrīḍita

〈1〉 yasyodvarttayataḥ pratīpam urasā śattrūn sametyāgatān
vaṅgeṣv āhava-varttino bhilikhitā khaḍgena kīrttir bhuje
〈2〉 tīrtvā sapta mukhāni yena samare sindhor jjitā vāhlikā
yasyādyāpy adhivāsyate jalanidhir vvīryy-ānilair ddakṣiṇaḥ

2. Śārdūlavikrīḍita

〈3〉 khinnasyeva visṛjya gāṁ narapater ggām āśritasyetarāṁ
mūrtyā karmma-jitāvaniṁ gatavataḥ kīrtyā sthitasya kṣitau
〈4〉 śāntasyeva mahā-vane hutabhujo yasya pratāpo mahān
nādyāpy utsṛjati praṇāśita-ripor yyatnasya śeṣaḥ kṣiti(M)

3. Śārdūlavikrīḍita

〈5〉 prāptena sva-bhujārjjitañ ca sucirañ caikādhirājyaṁ kṣitau
candrāhvena samagra-candra-sadṛśīṁ vaktra-śriyaṁ bibhratā

〈6〉 tenāyaṁ praṇidhāya bhūmipatinā dhāvena viṣṇ¿o?〈au〉 matiṁ
prā¿n?〈ṁ〉śur vviṣṇupade girau bhagavato viṣṇor dhvajaḥ sthāpitaḥ

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