PREFACE

The present thesis embodies results of my investigations into the problem connected with the system of dating in Indian inscriptions. The period selected here lies between the middle of the 3rd century B.C. and the middle of the 7th century A.D. The principal systems of dating and eras prevalent in ancient India had developed within this period. The relevant problems have been discussed in eight chapters. Each section of the chapters is followed by reference and exhaustive notes. The problem related to use of chronograms has been discussed in an Appendix because of the fact that the system had not fully developed within the given period. A complete bibliography has been appended at the end.

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