STATEMENT

I may humbly claim that this study of mine contributes to the knowledge of the subject in various aspects as indicated below.

(1) For the first time I have presented a critical text of Ājaḍa's commentary called Padaprakeśa on Sarasvatīkanṭhābharaṇa of Bhojarāja, based on a palm-leaf manuscript of around 14th Century. While fixing the readings and giving the correct text I have studied all the relevant works related to the subject.

(2) The sources of Ājaḍa's commentary have been traced as far as possible.

(3) For the first time the personal history of Ājaḍa including his date has been given.

(4) A comparative study of Ājaḍa's commentary in the context of the other commentaries on S.K.Ā. is presented.

(5) The evaluation of Ājaḍa as a commentator is also done for the first time.

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