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states as follows "We cannot, however, explain the development
of the whole of this (vedic) great literature, if we assume as
late a date as round about 1200 or 1500 B.C. as its starting
point. We shall probably have to date the beginning of this
development about 2000 or 2500 B.C and the end of it between
750 and 500 B.C. The more prudent course, however, is to steer
clear of any fixed dates and to guard against the extremes of
a stupendously ancient period or a ludicrously modern epoch" (pp. 271).

Regarding the dates of Prātisākhyaśa Varma states as follows: "The chronology of the earlier but extinct phonetic literature should therefore range between 800-500 B.C., while that of the Prātisākhyaśa proper between 500-150 B.C." (pp. 271).

"Varma places the Prātisākhyaśa in the pen 500-150 B.C. and the extinct Śikṣā literature between 800-500 B.C." (Allen, 1953, pp. 5).