PREFACE

Seṣacakraṇāṇi is an outstanding scholar among Sanskrit grammarians. He came in the field of Sanskrit grammar in the 17th century. A.D. "Kārakatattva" is an unpublished grammatical work written in Sanskrit prose by this author. The treatment of the subject matter is highly scientific and descriptive. The author has adopted the Navya-Nyāya style of language in this work.

The present thesis aims to bring out an edition of Kārakatattva and a study of the same as well. The thesis is conceived of as consisting of two parts Part I & Part II. Part I is composed of three chapters. Of these three chapters, the first one is devoted to give an introduction to the subject matter, the second one deals with the author and the manuscript and the third one presents a study of Kārakatattva in the light of the observations of Patañjali, Bhartrhari etc and ends with a conclusion evaluating the treatment of kāraka-s by the author.
Part II gives the edited version of Kārakatattva. This thesis was first submitted in August 2001. As per the directions of the revered adjudicators, the thesis is now resubmitted with the necessary modification, strictly adhering to the stipulations and guidelines notified by them.

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