CHAPTER V

THE EDITION
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It is for the first time that an attempt is made to bring out an edition of Kavyakalanidhi of Krsnasudhi.

Non-availability of sufficient number of manuscripts or even of a single complete manuscript prevented scholars from editing his work or poetics, viz., the Kavyakalanidhi which occupies a significant position among the contributions of Kerala to Sanskrit literature.

As already pointed out earlier, there are only two manuscripts available for the text. While the first is available at Government Oriental Manuscript Library, Madras, the second is preserved in the Kerala University Manuscript Library, Trivandrum.

The present edition of Krsnasudhi's Kavyakalanidhi is based upon the following manuscripts.

A. The Madras Manuscript:

The following are details of the Madras Manuscript used for the edition.

01. Title of the Manuscript and reference number: KAVYAKALANIDHI R 2918.

02. Language: SANSKRIT.

03. Script: DEVANAGARI.
The condition of the manuscript is fairly good and the script is legible.

B. The Trivandrum Manuscript:

01. Title of the Manuscript: Kavyakalanidhi of Krsnasudhi.
02. Register Number: T1 - 8321.
03. Language: Sanskrit.
04. Script: Granthaksara.
05. Material: Palm leaf - size 20 x 1 inches.
06. Number of leaves: 185 x 2 i.e., 370.
07. Average lines per page: Six lines.

Through these manuscripts an attempt is made to use the correct reading in edited text.

No commentary is available for the work.
PART - TWO

KAVYAKALANIDHI - A CRITICAL EDITION