

UNPUBLISHED GILGIT FRAGMENT OF THE  
PRĀTIMOKṢA-SŪTRA

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The Prātimokṣa-Sūtra forms an important text of the Vinaya. Unfortunately its Sanskrit text exists only in fragments. The text of the Mūlasarvāstivādins (*Prātimokṣa-sūtram*, Calcutta Asiatic Society, 1913, pp. 465—558).

Dr. Anukul Chandra Banerjee has published the fragmentary text of the Mūlasarvāstivādins (*Prātimokṣa-sūtram*, Calcutta 1954) from among the Gilgit manuscripts. It was based on one Gilgit manuscript, which is serial number 3 in the list<sup>1)</sup> of Prof. Dr. Raghu Vira's collection. In the *Gilgit Buddhist Manuscripts (facsimile edition)* part I (ed. Prof. Dr. Raghu Vira and Dr. Lokesh Chandra, New Delhi 1959) has been discovered another manuscript of the Prātimokṣa whose serial number is 2. This ms. is being published here for the first time in transcription. Inspite of its fragmentary character, it substantially supplies the hitherto missing portions of the Mūlasarvāstivādin text, for instance in the pāyantika, pratideśanīya, and śaikṣa dharmas, all these parts having been lost in ms. no. 3 utilised by Dr. A. C. Banerjee. Minor wordings which have been reconstructed from the Tibetan by Dr. Banerjee are also corrected by the present text.

The following Prātimokṣa rules are found in the present Gilgit manuscript fragment:

Pārājikā dharmāḥ	2, 3, 4
Saṃghāvaśeṣā dharmāḥ	1, 2
Pāyantikā dharmāḥ	33—57, 63—69, 57—59, 69—82 (uddāna up to 90)
Pratideśanīyā dharmāḥ	1—4
Śaikṣā dharmāḥ	1—43

In the above, pāyantika 57 occurs twice: in plates 7, 8 and 10, 9 (Raghu Vira). Pāyantika 69 abruptly ends in the middle of a word on line 4 of plate 10 and continues on line 7 of plate 9. These faults











