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The Matsya-Purāṇa (MP) which is one of the eighteen major Purāṇās, occupies an important place in the Purāṇic literature. The reasons for selecting the Matsya-Purāṇa have been pointed out in Statement No. 1. One mechanical detail may be mentioned here viz. that where longer Sanskrit quotations are concerned, the Devanāgarī script is used, otherwise the normal transliteration is followed. It should further be noted that the unspecified references such as 1.5 always refer to the MP, thus 1.5=MP 1.5.

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