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"Savika^h-Likhita Smṛti is an old authoritative work on Dharmaśāstra. The text is not available anywhere in its original form. Commentators on Dharmaśāstra works have profusely quoted it in their commentaries. The reconstruction of this old and important smṛti by collecting all possible quotations from all the published and unpublished works on Dharmaśāstra is a long felt desideratum." ~~Thexs~~ Thus said renowned and veteran scholar in orientated studies, Shri J.S.Pade, Retired Research Officer, Oriental Institute, Baroda. Fortunately, I had an opportunity to work under him as a Manuscript Assistant. Prof. Dr. U.F.Shah, the then Deputy Director of the Institute, inspired me for Research Studies under Shri Pade Shastriji. Rev. Shastriji pointed out the problem of "Reconstruction of Savika^h-Likhita Smṛti with a critical study." Expressing the importance of the problem as quoted above. I was happy with the subject as the smṛti belongs to Vājasaneyī Śākhā of Yajurveda, my own Vedic Śākhā.

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