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Prof. P.V. Kane made an attempt to reconstruct Śāṅkha-Likhita Smṛti on the basis of the earliest sources. From them he collected Various Quotations of Śāṅkha-Likhita. Commentators and the authors of Digests from the times of Viśvarūpa down to the latest quote very largely from Śāṅkha-Likhita Smṛti. Viśvarūpa says that Śāṅkha-Likhita pondered over the Dharmapromulgated by Manu and composed their work, after drawing upon the Veda.

Samīkṣya nipuṇaṁ dharmam ṛṣibhyo manubhāṣitam
Āmnāyāt samyaguddhṛtya Śāṅkhaśca Likhitastathā.

Prof. P.V. Kane categorically states "..... the Dharmasūtra of Śāṅkha-Likhita was once available, though it has not yet been discovered". Therefore he had to collect their quotations from the numerous books on Dharmaśāstras. However he felt that his work of Reconstructing the Text of Śāṅkha-Likhita Smṛti was not complete and expressed the hope that his reconstruction of * Śāṅkha-Likhita would definitely serve as a basis for future research on it. This has inspired the present author to take up " Reconstruction of * Śāṅkha-Likhita Smṛti with a critical study " as his subject of research.

Quotations of * Śāṅkha-Likhita are found in prose and verse. Prof. Kane has given 463 Quotations in his Reconstruction of Dharma-Sūtra of * Śāṅkha-Likhita published by Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona.

As he has stated that this is not a complete version of *Śaṅkha-Likhita Smṛti ; the present author has not only traced out the quotations mentioned by Prof.Kane but also has made an attempt to point out the various sources that he had not consulted. Prof.Kane had reconstructed Śaṅkha-Likhita Smṛti on the basis of 17 works. Where as the present author has utilized 116 works and a few manuscripts for his Reconstruction. And as such the present work submitted for the degree of Ph.D.is an original attempt.

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