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APPENDIX - 1.

A note on Khārōḍa.

श्रीजागरूकतासमस्तगोत्रमुख्योऽस्ति यः क्षारवटावट्यक्तः

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Kṣāravata is a Sanskrit name for Kharavada a place near Junagadha.¹ The main families of nagara brahmins are five: Vadanagarā, Visānagarā, Citroḍā, Sāthodarā and Duṅgaraparā. Now a days, Vadanagarā nāgaras are divided into two groups:- Nāgarā brahmins and Nāgaragr̥hasthas; each of them claims superiority over the other. Nāgarabr̥hmins claim their superiority on the ground ^hat they are custodians of culture by following the path of vedic ritual. While Nāgaragr̥hasthas who got prominent services and hence higher positions in states and occupied better civil status condemn the brahmins on their being priests.

Most of the Vadanagarā nāgara brahmins have been found sanskrit scholars and they have contributed a lot to sanskrit literature.

The details² regarding gotra etc. of khārōḍa brahmins are as follows:-

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| (1) Gotra - | Bilvāpasa (Baijavāpa) | (5) Pravara - | Atreya (Atri) |
| (2) Sarma - | Dāsa. | | Gaviṣṭhira, |
| (3) Sākhā - | Sāṅkhāyanī. | (6) Gaṇeśa - | Khokho. |
| (4) Veda - | Rgveda. | (7) Family deity - | Siddhesvari |
| | | (8) Śiva - | Acalagaccha. |

1. Some identifying this with a village of the same name on Māṇḍavagadha - Khandavāh railway line, But in khargvada near Junagadha, the nāgarā brahmins with Khārōḍa³ are still living.

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