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## INFLUENCE OF PANINIAN BACKGROUND TO HIS SUTRĀS

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Sanskrit Language is one of the remarkable language among the oriental languages. It has grown systematically since Paninian contribution to the grammar field. It was begun in 4th century B.C. by composing of the Astādhyāi. The Astādhyāi is considered as the first computational grammar book in the Asian countries. A lot of grammar rules are explained in the Astādhyāi in an aspectual and mixed manner. The study of Astādhyāi reveals some rules which were influenced from Paninian background. This period, 4th century B.C. was a religiously and philosophically developed period in India. The concepts of Buddhist, Brahmins and Jainism etc. were forced to Paninian rules. There are some concepts which are directly connected to some rules. Nakshasthre cha lupi (2.3.45), Dvithīya bhrāhmane (2.3.60), Chathurthe bahulan chandasi (2.3.62), Yajeshcha Karane (2.3.63) are some illustrations that prove it. According to the following sūtrās, the rules are made to indicate the concepts themselves. As an Indo Aryan language Sanskrit has a firm relationship to the Vedic religions. Therefore the religion of Brahmin, mostly caused to Paninian grammar rules. It is special and historical as it occurred at the very beginning of Asian languages. Therefore I hope to specialize the influence of Paninian background to making of the sūtrās in Astādhyāi. As a primary source Astādhyāi and secondary sources which are related to the topic will be prosecuted.

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