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## Review of Saturn's precise position in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas

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### Abstract

Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana had mentioned various planetary positions, lagna and birth star but did not mention precise position of each planet in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Based on our previous research work [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 61], we found out planet Saturn's dasa varga positions and compared the results with Lord Shri Ram's life as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. The results for Dasa 'Vargas classifications' and 'Descriptions' matched with Lord Shri Ram's life as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.

**Keywords:** Astrology, Shri Ram, Dasa Vargas, Amsa, Saturn

### Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram but not the precise positions of those planets. Many in the past have explored the possibilities of Lord Shri Ram's life based on the Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. Renay Oshop<sup>[1]</sup>, who is an astrologer herself, tried to compare Sita's horoscope with Lord Shri Ram's but it was not clear about the source of Sita's horoscope. Akash<sup>[2]</sup> mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5114 BCE (About 7129 years ago). Jwala Narasimha Rao<sup>[3]</sup>, also referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Lord Shri Ram and opines that Lord Shri Ram was born on the noon of January 10, 5114 BC (7123 years back) with no details on methodology. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[4]</sup> reported Sun's precise position in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart based on tithi and angle between Sun and Moon in Chaitra month (From Padyami tithi start to Asthami tithi end). Sureshwara<sup>[5]</sup> reported that, few planets were in exaltation in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Nandita Pandey<sup>[6]</sup> reported, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun, Venus, Rahu and Ketu all in their exalted state along with Mercury in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[7]</sup> reported precise position of Venus by comparing Malavya yoga features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Another astrologer<sup>[8]</sup> had discussed about various planetary positions in Lord Shri Ram's birth. Stephen Knapp<sup>[9]</sup> refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book dating the Era of Lord Shri Ram and thinks that 10<sup>th</sup> January 5114 BCE was Lord Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30pm could be his birth time without any further explanation. Gaurav Dave<sup>[10]</sup> has discussed about various planets and their placements in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[11]</sup> reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Kshitij Sharma<sup>[12]</sup> had mentioned about possible planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[13]</sup> reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Arjan Dhanak<sup>[14]</sup> has mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born at 12.30 p.m. on 10th January 5114 BC, which also refers to the works of Pushkar Bhatnagar. Author of an article<sup>[15]</sup> tried to explain various aspects of Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[16]</sup> gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart which further enhances the mysteries surrounding Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Anik Charan<sup>[17]</sup> had

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mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born 9114 years ago, but did not provide any methodology based on which this was determined. An article [18] mentioned that, based on a planetarium software and from other theory of Pushkar Bhatnagar, Lord Shri Ram's birth date and time could have been 10<sup>th</sup> January 5114 BC and at 12:30 pm without any explanation on how the birth time was calculated. Akkinapragada *et al.* [19] reported precise position of Mars by comparing Ruchaka yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. An article [20] mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5115 BC at 12:14:31.

Prof. Desikam [21] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements. Akkinapragada *et al.* [22] reported precise position of Moon in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Samhita Hora Sastra slokas with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. An article [23] refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book Dating the Era of Lord Shri Ram and thinks that 10<sup>th</sup> January 5114 BCE was Lord Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30 pm. Jaganadha Rama Sastry [24] reported that Vedveer Arya's works and other planetary software data were analysed and opines that, Lord Shri Ram was born on 10th January 5114 BC. Akkinapragada *et al.* [25] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Based on above references and their conclusions, we cannot corroborate Lord Shri Ram's life as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana until the Dasa Varga's of each planet are found and validated. In order to do that, we require the precise position of each planet in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Fortunately, Akkinapragada *et al.* [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25]'s research work presents precise positions of all planets in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Furthermore, Akkinapragada *et al.* [61] reviewed Moon's precise position in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas. Taking these research works into consideration, in this research paper, we proceed to calculate planet Saturn's dignity in Dasa Vargas as described in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra and corroborate it with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.

### Method and Materials

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [26], five planets were in exaltation in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22] reported Sun's, Venus's, Jupiter's, Saturn's, Mars's and Moon's precise positions in their exalted states. Akkinapragada *et al.* [16] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* [25] determined precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram. Akkinapragada *et al.* [54] confirmed that Lord Shri Ram has lived till end of Treta Yuga. Akkinapragada *et al.* [61] also reviewed Moon's precise position in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas. This research considers these planetary positions (Fig-1) and characteristics of Lord Shri Ram mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and proceeds further to review and confirm the

Saturn's position with the help of Dasa Vargas according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

PISCES VENUS <sup>[7]</sup> (around 17.3°)	ARIES SUN <sup>[4]</sup> (around 7.3°)		
	Lord Shri Ram's birth chart		ASC, CANCER JUPITER <sup>[11]</sup> (around 2.8125°) MOON <sup>[22]</sup> (around 2.8125°)
CAPRICORN MARS <sup>[19]</sup> (13.33° ± 2°)			
		LIBRA SATURN <sup>[13]</sup> (around 10°)	

Fig-1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al.* [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 61]

In Sage Valmiki's Ramayana [26], Sarga 18 ("Bala Kanda"), the following slokas 8-9 are given (see Fig-2):

ततो यज्ञे समाप्ते तु ऋतूनां षट् समत्ययुः ।  
ततश्च द्वादशे मासे चैत्रे नावमिके तिथौ ॥ १-१८-८  
नक्षत्रेऽदितिदैवत्ये स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु ।  
ग्रहेषु कर्कटे लग्ने वाक्पताविंदुना सह ॥ १-१८-९

Fig 2: Excerpts from Ramayana, written by Sage Valmiki - Bala Kanda [26]

As per sloka in Fig-2, Lord Shri Ram was born on 9<sup>th</sup> tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata (Cancer) lagna, where Moon was in its own house (Karkata) along with Jupiter and the nakshatra's lord being Adithi. Since the lord for Punarvasu is Adithi, we conclude that Moon is placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> pada of Punarvasu within 3.3<sup>0</sup> of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1<sup>st</sup> line of second sloka in Fig-2. "स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु" (excerpt from Fig-2) स्व+उच्च+संस्थेषु, स्व = Own, self, individual, उच्च = exalted or highest, संस्थेषु = contained in their positions, पंचसु = collection of five, refers to 5 planets are in their own exaltation positions.

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 6 ("The Sixteen Divisions of a Sign") on Page 88, the following slokas 42-47 are given (see Fig-3):

वर्गभेदानहं वक्ष्ये मंत्रेय ! त्वं विधारय ।  
 षड्वर्गाः सप्तवर्गाश्च दिग्वर्गा नृपवर्गकाः ॥४२॥  
 भवन्ति वर्गसंयोगे षड्वर्गं किशुकादयः ।  
 द्वाभ्यां किशुकनामा च त्रिभिर्व्यञ्जनमुच्यते ॥४३॥  
 चतुर्भिश्चामरास्थं च छत्रं पञ्चभिरेव च ।  
 षड्भिः कुण्डलयोगः स्यान्मुकुटास्थं च सप्तभिः ॥४४॥  
 सप्तवर्गोऽथ दिग्वर्गं पारिजातादिसंज्ञकाः ।  
 पारिजातं भवेद्द्वाभ्यामुत्तमं त्रिभिरुच्यते ॥४५॥  
 चतुर्भिर्गोपुरास्थं स्याच्छरैः सिंहासनं तथा ।  
 पारावतं भवेत् षड्भिर्देवलोकं च सप्तभिः ॥४६॥  
 वसुभिर्ब्रह्मलोकास्थं नवभिः शक्रवाहनम् ।  
 दिग्भिः श्रीधामयोगः स्यादथ षोडशवर्गके ॥४७॥

Fig 3: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 6, Page 88, slokas 42-47

The meaning of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: “Varga Classification: In the Dasa Varga scheme, the designations commence from Parijata. According to the scheme, 2 good vargas is Parijata, 3 good vargas is Uttama, 4 good vargas is Gopura, 5 good vargas is Simhasana, 6 good vargas is Paravata, 7 good vargas is Devaloka, 8 good vargas is Brahmaloaka, 9 good vargas is Sakravahana, and 10 good vargas is Sridhama.”

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 36 (“Many Other Yogas”) on Page 383, the following slokas 38-39 are given (see Fig-4):

लग्नये पारिजातस्थे सुखो, वर्गोत्तमे ह्यरुक् ।  
 गोपुरे धनधान्याढ्या, भूपः सिंहासने स्थिते ॥३८॥  
 विद्वान् पारावते श्रीमान् देवलके स-वाहनः ।  
 ऐरावतस्थिते जातो विख्यातो भूपवन्दितः ॥३९॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 36, Page 383, slokas 38-39

The meaning of slokas in Fig-4 are as follows: “Effects of Ascendant Lord’s Divisional Dignities: The ascendant lord in Parijathamsa will make the native happy, in Vargottama immune to diseases, in Gopuramsa rich with wealth and grains, in Simhasanamamsa a king, in Paravatamsa a scholar, in Devalokamsa opulent and endowed with conveyances, and in Iravatamsa famous and honoured by kings.”

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3 (“Planetary Characteristics and Description”) on Page 40, the following sloka 55 is given (see Fig-5):

त्रिकोणात् स्वात्-सुख-स्वाऽन्त्यधीधर्मायुःस्वतुङ्गपाः ।  
 सुहृदो रिपवश्चान्ये समाश्चोभयलक्षणाः ॥५५॥

Fig 5: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3, Page 40, sloka 55

The meaning of sloka in Fig-5 is as follows: “Natural Relationships: The signs which are the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and the 8<sup>th</sup> from the Moolatrikona planet. The planets ruling such signs are its friends, apart from the lord of its exaltation sign. Lords other than these are its enemies. If a planet becomes its friend as well as its enemy (on account of the said two computations) then it is neutral or equal.”

Based on description given in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3, Page 40, sloka 55 (Fig-5), we calculated the planet Saturn’s dignity in Dasa Vargas of Lord Shri Ram birth chart as shown in below Table-1.

Table 1: Finding Lord Shri Rama’s Saturn’s dignity in Dasa Vargas

Finding planet Saturn’s standing in Dasa Vargas (by considering Saturn’s precise position in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart which is at around 10° [from Fig-1])				
Varga	Divisor	Saturn’s Position	Saturn in Divisor Chart	Dignity
Rasi	D-1	Within 1-15°, same sign Libra	Saturn in Libra	Beneficial
Decanate	D-3	Within 1°-10°	Saturn in Libra	Beneficial
Chaturthamsa	D-4	Within 15°	Saturn in Capricorn	Beneficial
Dasamsa	D-10	Within 9°-12°, which is 10 <sup>th</sup> sign from Aries	Saturn in Capricorn	Beneficial
Dvadasamsa	D-12	Within 7.30°-10°, which is 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturn in Capricorn	Beneficial
Vimsamsa	D-20	Within 9°-10°30’ Falls in 7 <sup>th</sup> sign from Aries	Saturn in Capricorn	Beneficial
Trimsamsa	D-30	Within second 5°	Saturn in Aquarius	Beneficial
Chatvarimsamsa	D-40	At 10/0.75 = 13.33 = 14 <sup>th</sup> Division Falls in 2 <sup>nd</sup> house from Aries	Saturn in Taurus	Beneficial

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 41 (“Combinations of Wealth”) on Page 406, the following slokas 18-19 are given (see Fig-6):

केन्द्रेशः पारिजातस्थस्तदा दाता भवेन्नरः ।  
 उत्तमे ह्युत्तमो दाता गोपुरे पुरुषद्वयुक् ॥१८॥  
 सिंहासने भवेन्मान्यः शूरः पारावतांशके ।  
 सभाध्यक्षो देवलके ब्रह्मलोके मुनिर्मत ॥  
 ऐरावतांशके तुष्टो विग्योगो नैव जायते ॥१९॥

Fig 6: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 41, Page 406, slokas 18-19

Based on Fig-6, we present the planet Saturn's dignity in Dasa Vargas and its benefits for the native in below Table-2.

**Table 2: Effects of Angular Lord's Divisional Dignities**

The meaning of Slokas in Fig-6 - Effects of Angular Lords Divisional Dignities		
Number of Vargas that give Good Dignity to the Planet	Classification	Description
2	Parijatha	Liberal
3	Uttama (Vargottama)	Highly Liberal
4	Gopura	Endowed with Prowess and Manliness
5	Simhasana	Honourable (Prominent etc.)
6	Paravartha	Valorous
7	Devaloka	Head of men, leadership, high position etc.
8	Brahmaloka	Sagely (spiritual achievement etc.)

## Results and Discussions

**Table 3: Comparing Dasa 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' (refer to Fig-6 as detailed in Table-2) with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana**

Varga Classification	Description	References from Sage Valmiki's Ramayana
Parijatha	Liberal	Ayodhya Kanda 44, Sarga 28, Slokas 1-26, Ayodhya Kanda 45, Sarga 31, Slokas 7-11, Ayodhya Kanda 29, Sarga 32, Sloka 28
Uttama (Vargottama)	Highly Liberal	Yuddha Kanda 46, Sarga 24, Slokas 22-23, Yuddha Kanda 47, Sarga 41, Sloka 82, Kishkindha Kanda 30, Sarga 26, Slokas 8b-13a, Yuddha Kanda 48, Sarga 112, Slokas 17-18
Gopura	Endowed with Prowess and Manliness	Aranya Kanda 39, Sarga 25, Slokas 29-42, Bala Kanda 35, Sarga 26, Slokas 17, 23b-26a, Kishkindha Kanda 36, Sarga 12, Slokas 3-5, Kishkindha Kanda 37, Sarga 16, Slokas 35-36
Simhasana	Honourable (Prominent etc.)	Yuddha Kanda 33, Sarga 128, Slokas 72-78
Paravartha	Valorous	Aranya Kanda 38, Sarga 20, Slokas 16-22, Yuddha Kanda 40, Sarga 108, Slokas 18-21
Devaloka	Head of men, leadership, high position etc.	Yuddha Kanda 33, Sarga 128, Slokas 72-78
Brahmaloka	Sagely (Spiritual achievement etc.)	Aranya Kanda 49, Sarga 15, Slokas 21-23, Ayodhya Kanda 41, Sarga 54, Slokas 9-20, Aranya Kanda 42, Sarga 5, Slokas 26, Aranya Kanda 43, Sarga 12, Slokas 16b-17a.

## Conclusion

1. It is evident from Table-1 that, planet Saturn's dignity in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart has 8 vargas in 'Beneficial / Good' standing.
2. It is evident from Table-3 that, all 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' are matching with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.
3. Therefore, we can conclude that, all the results for Dasa 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' and 'Area of Influence' matched with Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.
4. Hence from all (1-3) the above, we conclude that, the review of precise position of Saturn (10<sup>0</sup> in Libra of Lord Shri Rama's birth chart) as mentioned in Akkinapragada *et al.* [13] is agreeable.

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