Maraka planets that were responsible for King Dasaratha's death based on his four sons astro transit charts

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Abstract
In this research paper, we have created birth charts of Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna based on Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana, and Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart [24]. Further, we have calculated transit planetary placements for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. We have identified longevity and maraka planets for King Dasaratha based on Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna’s transit planetary placements charts and analysed their effects with the help of Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra and found that all planets inflicted death upon King Dasaratha.

Keywords: Sri Rama, Ayodhya, Sade Sati, Exile, Maraka Planets, Dasaratha, Astrology

Introduction
Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram but precise positions of those planets were not given.
Akkinapragada et al [1, 2] 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 Ashthami tithi end) and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [3, 4] reported precise position of Moon in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Sanhita Hora Sastra slokas with Lord Shri Ram’s characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [5, 6] 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 in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [7, 8] 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 in Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [9, 10] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [11, 12] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [13] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.
Akkinapragada et al [14, 15] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury’s absence in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart.
Akkinapragada et al [16] gave a detailed explanation about placement of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart. Akkinapragada et al [17] has discussed about effects of Jupiter mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama. Akkinapragada et al [18] has discussed about effects of Saturn, Ketu, Venus antardasas in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored unknown facts of Lord Sri Rama’s childhood. Akkinapragada et al [19] has discussed about effects of Sun’s antardasa in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored various facts of Lord Sri Rama’s childhood. Akkinapragada et al [20] has discussed about effects of Moon’s pratyantardasa in Moon’s antardasa in Saturn mahadasa of Lord Sri Rama and also explored planetary combinations that have led to Lord Sri Rama breaking the bow and his wedding with Sita Devi. Akkinapragada et al [21] has discussed the deadly planetary combination which led to Lord Sri Rama’s encounter with Bhaargava Rama.

Akkinapragada et al [22] has discussed whether exalted Mars and Jupiter in Lord Sri Rama’s planetary transit influenced King Dasaratha to coronate him as prince of Ayodhya. Akkinapragada et al [23] has discussed about dreadful planetary placements paired with Sade Sati which forced Lord Sri Rama to go into exile. Akkinapragada et al [24] has discussed about planetary combinations that led to King Dasaratha’s death based on Lord Sri Rama’s astro transit chart.

In this research paper, based on Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana we have created birth charts for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna. We have already analysed Lord Sri Rama’s transit planetary positions chart [24] for the demise of King Dasaratha. Based on Lord Sri Rama’s transit planetary placements on the day of King Dasaratha’s death, we have created transit planetary placements for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna. By identifying longevity and maraka planets for King Dasaratha, we have analysed how they inflicted death upon him.

Method and Materials
This research considers planetary positions at the time of Lord Sri Rama’s birth as detailed in Sage Valmiki’s Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [24]. This research also relies upon previous research work done by Akkinapragada et al [1-16] where each planet’s precise degrees were calculated based on Yogas and further corroborated with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and their Descriptions (Fig-1).

The meaning of sloka in Fig-2 are as follows: “The 3rd and 8th are the two houses of longevity. The houses related to death are the 12th from each of these, i.e. the 2nd and 7th are Maraka houses”.

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44 “Maraka (Killer) Planets” on Page 440, the following slokas 3-5 are given (see Fig-3):

The meaning of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: “Out of the two (i.e. 2nd and 7th) the 2nd is a powerful Maraka house (as against the 7th) The lords of the 2nd and the 7th, malefics in the 2nd and the 7th and malefics accompanying the 2nd and the 7th lords are all known as Marakas. The major and sub periods of these planets will bring death on the native depending on whether he has a long life, medium life or short life”.

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44 “Maraka (Killer) Planets” on Page 441, the following slokas 6-7 are given (see Fig-4):

The meaning of slokas in Fig-4 are as follows: “The Dasa of a benefic planet related to the 12th lord may also inflict death. End may descend on the native in the 8th lord’s Dasa. The Dasa of a planet which is an exclusive malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death”.

In Valmiki Ramayana, Bala Kanda [25], Sarga 18, Sloka 15 is as given below in Fig-5:
The meaning of slokas in Fig-5 are as follows: “With the dawn of sun on the next day, fair-minded Bharata is born under Pisces where puSyami is the star of day, later the sons of Sumitra, namely Lakshmana and Shatrughna are born under Cancer, where aashleSa is the star of the day, i.e., the tenth of chaitra month”.

Since, Lord Sri Rama was born in abhijit lagna between 11:51:50 am to 12:12:50 pm as per Akkinapragada et al [13], and Bharatha was born on next day at dawn, we conclude that the time difference between the birth of Lord Sri Rama and Bharatha was about 18 hours (or 0.75 days). Similarly, as Lakshmana was born in Aslesha star in the mid-day, the time difference between Lord Sri Rama’s birth and Lakshmana’s birth could be around 24 hours (this shall be ascertained in our future research papers). The possibility of Shatrughna’s birth (from Lakshmana’s birth) can be anywhere between 6-399 minutes (statistical data [29]). For now, we are considering 120 minutes (= 2 hours) as the time difference between Lakshmana and Shatrughna’s births (but this needs to be revisited in our future research papers).

### Table 1: Planetary positions at the time of Bharatha’s birth with reference to Fig-5

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<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Sun moves 0.75° + 7.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.05°.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Moon</td>
<td>Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Moon moves 10.5° + 2.8125° (Fig-1) and is placed in Cancer at 13.3125°.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mars</td>
<td>Mars on an average moves 37.5° per day. So in 0.75 days, Mars moves 0.46875° + 13.33° (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 13.80°.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rahu</td>
<td>Rahu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jupiter</td>
<td>Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 0.75 days, Jupiter moves 0.0625° + 2.8125° (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.875°.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturn</td>
<td>Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 0.75 days, Saturn moves 0.025° + 10° (Fig-1) and is placed in Libra at 10.025°.</td>
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<td>Ketu</td>
<td>Ketu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Ketu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).</td>
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<td>Venus</td>
<td>Venus on an average moves 72° in a day. In 0.75 days, Venus moves 0.9° + 17.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.2°.</td>
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**Fig 6:** Bharatha’s birth chart (Ref: Table-1)

### Table 2: Planetary positions at the time of Lakshmana’s birth with reference to Fig-5

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<th>Planets</th>
<th>Lakshmana was born 1 day after Lord Sri Rama’s birth (Fig-5). So we calculated planetary placements at Lakshmana’s birth based on Lord Sri Rama’s planetary positions given in Fig-1</th>
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<td>Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1 days, Sun moves 1° + 7.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.3°.</td>
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<td>Moon</td>
<td>Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1 days, Moon moves 14° (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.3°.</td>
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<td>Mars</td>
<td>Mars on an average moves 37.5° per day. So in 1 days, Mars moves 0.625° + 13.33° (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 14°.</td>
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<td>Rahu</td>
<td>Rahu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1 days, Rahu moves by 0.05°. This means, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jupiter</td>
<td>Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1 days, Jupiter moves 0.0833° + 2.8125° (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.8958°.</td>
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<td>Saturn</td>
<td>Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 1 days, Saturn moves 0.033° + 10° (Fig-1) and is placed in Libra at 10.025°.</td>
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<td>Ketu</td>
<td>Ketu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1 days, Ketu moves by 0.05°. This means, Ketu is placed in Pisces (Fig-1).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Venus</td>
<td>Venus on an average moves 72° in a day. In 1 days, Venus moves 1.2° + 17.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.3°.</td>
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Table 3: Planetary positions at the time of Shatrughna’s birth with reference to Fig-7

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<tr>
<th>Planets</th>
<th>Shatrughna was born 26 hours after Lord Sri Rama’s birth (Fig-5). So we calculated planetary placements at Shatrughna’s birth based on Lord Sri Rama’s planetary positions given in Fig-1</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Sun moves 1.083° + 7.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.383°.</td>
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<td>Moon</td>
<td>Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Moon moves 15.162° + 2.8125° (Fig-1) and is placed in Cancer at 17.98°.</td>
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<td>Mars</td>
<td>Mars on an average moves 37.5' per day. So in 1.083 days, Mars moves 0.676875° + 13.33° (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 14°.</td>
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<td>Rahu</td>
<td>Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1.083 days, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jupiter</td>
<td>Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1.083 days, Jupiter moves 0.09025° + 2.8125° (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.90275°.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saturn</td>
<td>Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 1.083 days, Saturn moves 0.0361° + 10° (Fig-1) and is placed in Libra at 10.0361°.</td>
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<td>Ketu</td>
<td>Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1.083 days, Ketu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).</td>
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<td>Venus</td>
<td>Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 1.083 days, Venus moves 1.2996° + 17.3° (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.6°.</td>
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Fig 8: Shatrughna’s birth chart (Ref: Table-3)

Fig 9: Lord Sri Rama’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (as per Akkinapragada et al [24])
### Table 4: Bharata’s planetary transit positions at the time of King Dasaratha’s death

| Planets | Fig-9 shows transit planetary placements of Lord Sri Rama on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. As Bharata was born 0.75 days after Lord Sri Rama’s birth, we need to find transit planetary positions for Bharata based on Fig-9
|---|---|
| Sun | Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Sun moves 0.75° + 13.744° (fig-9) and remains in Taurus at 14.494°.
| Moon | Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Moon moves 10.5° + 3.037° (fig-9) and remains in Libra at 13.54°.
| Mars | Mars on an average moves 37.5° per day. So in 0.75 days, Mars moves 0.46875° + 6.28° (fig-9) remains in Aquarius at 6.75°.
| Rahu | Rahu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Rahu moves by 0.0375°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
| Jupiter | Jupiter moves 3° in 360 days. In 0.75 days, Jupiter moves 0.0625° + 5.6° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 5.6625°.
| Saturn | Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 0.75 days, Saturn moves 0.025° + 29.22° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 29.245°.
| Ketu | Ketu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Ketu moves by 0.0375°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
| Venus | Venus on an average moves 72° in a day. In 0.75 days, Venus moves 0.9° + 19.04° (fig-9) and remains in Aquarius at 19.94°.

#### Bharata’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died

- **Aquarius**
  - Mars 6.75°
  - Venus 19.94°

- **Taurus**
  - Sun 14.494°

- **Gemini**
  - Cancer
  - Rahu 5.6625°
  - Saturn 29.245°

#### Sagittarius

- Moon 13.54°

#### Fig 10: Bharata’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-4)

### Table 5: Lakshmana’s planetary transit positions at the time of King Dasaratha’s death

| Planets | Fig-9 shows transit planetary placements of Lord Sri Rama on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. As Lakshmana was born 1 day after Lord Sri Rama’s birth, we need to find transit planetary placements for Lakshmana based on Fig-9
|---|---|
| Sun | Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1 day, Sun moves 1° + 13.744° (fig-8) and remains in Taurus at 14.744°.
| Moon | Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1 day, Moon moves 14° + 3.037° (fig-8) and remains in Libra at 17.037°.
| Mars | Mars on an average moves 37.5° per day. So in 1 day, Mars moves 0.625° + 6.28° (fig-8) remains in Aquarius at 6.905°.
| Rahu | Rahu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1 day, Rahu moves by 0.05°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
| Jupiter | Jupiter moves 3° in 360 days. In 1 day, Jupiter moves 0.0833° + 5.6° (fig-8) and remains in Cancer at 5.6833°.
| Saturn | Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 1 day, Saturn moves 0.033° + 29.22° (fig-8) and remains in Cancer at 29.253°.
| Ketu | Ketu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1 day, Ketu moves by 0.05°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
| Venus | Venus on an average moves 72° in a day. In 1 day, Venus moves 1.2° + 19.04° (fig-8) and remains in Aquarius at 20.24°.

#### Lakshmana’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died

- **Aquarius**
  - Mars 6.905°
  - Venus 20.24°

- **Taurus**
  - Sun 14.744°

- **Gemini**
  - Cancer
  - Rahu 5.6833°
  - Saturn 29.245°

#### Sagittarius

- Moon 17.037°

#### Fig 11: Lakshmana’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-5)
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<td>Moon</td>
<td>Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Moon moves 15.162° + 3.037° (fig-9) and remains in Libra at 18.199°.</td>
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<td>Mars</td>
<td>Mars on an average moves 37.5° per day. So in 1.083 days, Mars moves 0.76875° + 6.28° (fig-9) remains in Aquarius at 7°.</td>
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<td>Rahu</td>
<td>Rahu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Rahu moves by 0.05415°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.</td>
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<td>Jupiter</td>
<td>Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1.083 days, Jupiter moves 0.9025° + 5.6° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 6.5025°.</td>
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<td>Saturn</td>
<td>Saturn moves 2° (minutes) each day. In 1.083 days, Saturn moves 0.0361° + 29.22° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 29.2561°.</td>
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<td>Ketu</td>
<td>Ketu on an average moves 3° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Ketu moves by 0.05415°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.</td>
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<td>Venus</td>
<td>Venus on an average moves 72° in a day. In 1.083 days, Venus moves 1.2990° + 19.04° (fig-9) and remains in Aquarius at 20.34°.</td>
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Based on Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart (Fig-1), Bharatha’s birth chart (Fig-6), Lakshmana’s birth chart (Fig-7) and Shatrughna’s birth chart (Fig-8) we have identified Longevity and Maraka planets for King Dasaratha based on Brihat Parashara Hora Shastras Slokas mentioned in Fig-2, Fig-3 and Fig-4 in the below Table-8.

Table 7: King Dasaratha’s longevity, maraka houses and their respective lords related to death with respect to Lord Sri Rama, Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna’s birth charts

Table 8: Effects of maraka planets on King Dasaratha based on Lord Sri Rama, Bharatha, Lakshmana, and Shatrughna’s transit planetary placements

Results and Discussions
malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death

- King Dasaratha mentioned to Lord Sri Rama that, “Oh, Ram! Astrologers are informing me that fearful planets like Sun, Mars and Rahu are encroaching my birth star” – Ayodhya Kanda [26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18.

- As per above point and Fig-3, these three planets, Mars, Sun and Rahu are maraka planets for King Dasaratha.

- As per Fig-4, Saturn is the 12th house lord (from Pisces, which is the 1st house for King Dasaratha – as discussed above).

- As per Fig-2, and above discussion, for King Dasaratha, Venus is the lord of 3rd (Taurus) and lord of 8th house (Libra) from Pisces (King Dasaratha’s 1st house). As per Fig-8, we can see that, planet Venus represent longevity of King Dasaratha is with a strong maraka planet Mars in Aquarius (12th house of King Dasaratha). This denotes that longevity got effected because of this combination.

- Apart from Venus being with Mars in Aquarius, Sun in Taurus on Kruthika star (which is assumed to be King Dasaratha’s birth star – see Fig-9) and Mars with its powerful aspect on in Taurus and Rahu being present with Saturn (12th house lord of King Dasaratha) in Cancer, are responsible for encroaching the birth star of King Dasaratha (as mentioned in Ayodhya Kanda [26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18).

From Bharatha’s transit planetary placements (Fig-10) and with reference to Table-6:

- The Pitru bhava house is Scorpio (9th from Pisces). This is the 1st house for King Dasaratha.

- Maraka houses for King Dasaratha from Scorpio are Sagittarius (2nd), Taurus (7th) and Libra (12th)

- Maraka planets for King Dasaratha are Jupiter (2nd), Venus (7th), and Venus (12th)

- Saturn is another Makara planet because it is in 12th house for King Dasaratha (because Scorpio is Pitru bhava in Bharatha’s chart – which is assumed to be Dasaratha’s 1st house)

- Capricorn and Gemini are longevity houses for King Dasaratha in Bharatha’s chart and Lords of these houses Saturn and Moon are longevity planets for King Dasaratha.

- As Saturn is a Maraka and also a longevity planet, it gives longevity for Dasaratha if associated with another longevity planet or in a longevity house during transit in Bharatha’s chart.

- If Saturn is associated with Maraka planet or a Maraka House in Bharatha’s transit chart then there is high chance of Dasaratha’s death.

- Since Moon is a longevity planet for King Dasaratha, if it becomes debilitated or be in a Maraka house or associated with a Maraka planet or aspected by a Maraka planet then there are chances of Dasaratha’s death.

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<tr>
<td>Longevity houses for King Dasaratha</td>
<td>Taurus, Gemini, Libra, Capricorn</td>
<td>Taurus is occupied by Sun (lord of Virgo) who is an enemy for lord of Taurus, Venus.</td>
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<td>Debilitated Moon (turns maraka) is placed in Scorpio and is directly aspected by powerful maraka Sun from Taurus.</td>
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<td>Aquarius is occupied by maraka planets Mars and Venus, which are the lords of maraka houses.</td>
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<td>Lords of longevity houses for King Dasaratha</td>
<td>Venus, Moon, and Saturn</td>
<td>Venus which is a lord of longevity is also a maraka and is placed in Aquarius which is a house of longevity, thus affecting it.</td>
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<td>Powerful maraka Sun is in its enemy sign Taurus which is a longevity house, thus affecting it.</td>
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<td>Saturn, representing longevity is along with Rahu in Cancer, thus affecting longevity.</td>
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<td>From Cancer (ref to Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra [26], Chapter 8, Page 105, Slokas 1-3), Rahu is aspecting powerful maraka Sun in Taurus, thus affecting longevity.</td>
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<td>Maraka houses for</td>
<td>Aries, Taurus, Virgo, and Sagittarius</td>
<td>Aries and Virgo are 2nd and 7th houses for Pitru bhava.</td>
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As per Akkinapragada et al [21], when Lord Sri Rama encountered Bhargava Rama, King Dasaratha fainted and the planetary position was such that, Moon was in debilitation.

Even on the day of Dasaratha’s death, we find from all the 4 sons transit astro charts, Moon was in debilitation, indicating a strong possibility of King Dasaratha death.

Based on all the 4 sons transit astro charts and King Dasaratha’s astrologers prediction (ref Ayodhya Kanda [25], Sarga 4, Sloka 18) as Mars-Sun-Rahu were encroaching his birth star (Akkinapragada et al [24]), we find that King Dasaratha’s death was imminent because of these planetary combinations brought death upon him.

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