

(*) Definition of वाक्य, according to Sahityadarpana or VISHVANATHA.

Ans: After giving the definition of poetry i.e., 'वाक्यं इत्यात्मकं काव्यम्' in the first chapter, विश्वनाथ कविराज in the second chapter defines वाक्य as — "वाक्यं स्फुटाद्योग्य ताकाङ्गुहासति मुक्तः पादान्तरः।"

A sentence is a collection of words possessing compatibility (योग्यता), expectancy (आकृत्ति) and juxtaposition (आसन्ति). Compatibility or योग्यता means the absence of absurdity in the mutual relation of the things denoted by the words. A sentence like 'जलं सिंचति' has योग्यता because water has the fitness. Owing to its liquidity which is necessary for sprinkling. But a sentence like 'वहिना सिंचति' has no योग्यता since fire lack liquidity which only can make a thing and instrument in the act of sprinkling. If it were held that a mere collection of words even in the absence of योग्यता can make a sentence, than the collection of words like 'वहिना सिंचति' would be a sentence. But no one would say that it is proper sentence.

The तक्षण्यद् defines आकृत्ता as—

"पृथ्वीपद्मनश्चयतिरेकं प्रयुतान्वयाननुभावकलम्" —

The incapacity of the words to convey the idea of its collection, which in capacity is due to the absence of some other words. गौरस्वप्नः पुरुषो हृत्ति — these words do not constitute a sentence because of the absence of अनुभाव among them, though they are also a collection of words. When the word 'हृत्ति' is uttered desire is produced in the mind of the listener to know something is not satisfied by the words like अश्व, पुरुष, हृत्ति etc.

Juxtaposition or आसन्ति is the absence of a break in the apprehension of what is said. It means the presentation of things without the interval of time or of some other unconnected things. A sentence is made up by the combination of several notions and it is therefore necessary that the impression of its word should remain fresh until the combination is affected. If we utter towards शब्द and वाक्य at the interval of several hours, no sense will be apprehended.

These three शोभाता, आकृत्ति and आसनि are declared to be the elements or causes of वाक्यार्थान्.

वाक्य is of two types — वाक्य and महावाक्य. Collection of sentences, consisting of these three elements, is called महावाक्य like रामाण, महाभास, रथुर्वश etc.