

Note on *tshal pa bstan 'gyur* (1317–1323)

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Tshal pa bKa' 'gyur, one of the most comprehensive and authoritative edition commissioned by *Tshal pa Kun dga' rdo rje* in 1347–1349 is well known to us. But, there is hardly any reference found in the history of Tibetan canonical literature of the *Tshal pa bsTan 'gyur* commissioned by *Tshal pa sMon lam rdo rje*, father of *Tshal pa Kun dga' rdo rje* between 1317–1323.

Recently Mr. Tashi Tsering, Director, Amnye Machen Research Institute, Dharamsala has kindly provided me a copy of the catalogue of *Tshal pa bsTan 'gyur* entitled “*bsTan 'gyur gyi dkar chag nor bu'i phung po bzhuugs so*” which has come to light for the first time. The text has 100 folios written in beautiful *dbu med* script with seven lines on each page. Unfortunately, the folio number 4–6 dealing with the historical account of the *bsTan-gyur* is missing.

In this paper I attempt to highlight the distinctive features of *Tshal pa bsTan-'gyur* such as the inclusion of *gsang sngags rnying rma'i skor* (texts of earlier translation of tantras) and shortcomings in comparison with *rTse thang* and *Zhu lu* edition of the *bsTan 'gyur*.