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The chanDam for the song is:

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[thana-thayya] [thAnana] [thAnana]
[thana-thayya] [thAnana] [thAnana]
[thana-thayya] [thAnana] [thAnana] [thAnana]
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The first three lines have (5 + 4 + 4) = 13 mAtrAs = 6.5 aksharams in maDhyama kAlam = (thaka - thakita) (thaka - Dhimi) (thaka - Dhimi) The 'thongal' has 5 mAtrAs. Guruji added 8 more mAtrAs to make it 13 mAtrAs, equal to one full thALam.