

Vārṇeya : See Vṛṇi.

Vāsiṣṭha m. (pl.) : A group of ascetics, the descendants of Vasiṣṭha.

A. Description : Ascetics (*tapasvīn*) 3. 27. 6; the best Brāhmaṇas in the whole world (*sarvasya jagataḥ śreṣṭhā brāhmaṇāḥ*) 3. 27. 8; who observed their vows scrupulously (*dhṛtavrata*) 3. 27. 7. B. Epic events : (1) Mentioned by Baka Dālbhya among the Brāhmaṇas who had gathered round Yudhiṣṭhira in the Dvaitavana (3. 27. 1); there, Vāsiṣṭhas and others, protected by Yudhiṣṭhira practised their *dharma* (*caranti dharmam ... tvayā guptā ... | ... vāsiṣṭhāḥ ... ||*) 3. 27. 7; due to the sound of their Vedic recitations, which was pleasing to the heart (*hṛdayam-gama*), the lake and the Dvaitavana forest had become holy like the Brahmaloḥka (*brahmalokasamam puṇyam āsīd dvaitavanam saraḥ*) 3. 27. 2-3; (2) Mentioned among the ascetics introduced by Lomaśa to Yudhiṣṭhira on the Mahendra mountain (*mahendram āsādy niśām uvāsa*) 3. 114. 26; (*ācakyau tatra tāpasān | ... vāsiṣṭhān atha kāṣyapān*) 3. 115. 2; Yudhiṣṭhira, along with his brothers, honoured them all (*tāpasānām param cakre satkāram bhrātṛbhiḥ saha*) 3. 115. 1.

Vāsudeva m. (pl.) : Designation of Vṛṣṇis in general.

Karṇa told Śalya that the glory of all the Vāsudevas was established in Kṛṣṇa (*sarveṣām vāsudevānām kṛṣṇe lakṣmīḥ pratiṣṭhitā*) 8. 27. 62 [See Vṛṣṇi].

Vāhika m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Saṁjaya among the Northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68)

of Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṁ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*vāhikā vāṣadhānās ca*) 6. 10. 45.

Vikarna m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

On the second day of war, Duryodhana, supported by Vikarnas and others, offered protection to the army of Śakuni in the Mahāvīṛya of Kauravas (*asvātakair vikarnais ca*) 6. 47. 10, 15-16.

Vikalpa m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Saṁjaya among the southern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of the Bhāratavarṣa (*athāpare janapadā ... dakṣiṇā*) 6. 10. 56, 5; (*vikalpā mūṣakās tathā*) 6. 10. 57.

Vikuṇḍja m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

On the third day of war, Vikunḍjas and others, led by Bṛhadbala, were stationed at the left wing of the Garuḍavyūha (6. 52. 2-3) of the Kauravas (*vikunḍjās ca ... | bṛhadbalena sahitā vāmam pakṣam upāśritāḥ*) (6. 52. 9).

Vijaya m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Saṁjaya among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṁ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*suhmās ca vijayās tathā*) 6. 10. 44.

Vidarbha m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada and its people; a king of the country referred to as Vaidarbha and a princess as Vaidarbhī.

A. Location : Listed by Saṁjaya among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṁ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5;