

women of Vṛṣṇīs who escaped were taken by Arjuna to Kurukṣetra and he settled them there at various places (*tataḥ sa teṣam ādāya kalatrasya mahāmatih | hṛtabhūyiṣṭharatnasya kurukṣetram avātarat | evaṁ kalatram āniya vṛṣṇīnām hṛtaśeṣitam | nyaveśayata kauravyas tatra tatra dhanamjayah ||*) 16. 8. 58, 61, 65-66; (75) Arjuna informed Vyāsa about the destruction of Vṛṣṇī heroes at Prabhāsa caused by the curse of Brāhmaṇas; five hundred thousand brave Bhoja, Vṛṣṇī and Andhaka warriors had killed one another with *erakā* grass; he also told him that thousands of Vṛṣṇī women were abducted by Ābhīras of Pañcanada in spite of him (*hatam pañcaśatam teṣām sahasraṁ* (NI. on Bom. Ed. 16. 8. 11 : *pañcaśatam sahasraṁ sahasraguṇitam pañcalakṣānīty arthaḥ*); *vṛṣṇīdārāś ca ... sahasraśaḥ | ābhīrait ... hṛtāḥ pañcanadālayaiḥ hṛtāḥ*) 16. 9. 8-11, 16; (76) Vyāsa consoled Arjuna by saying that the great warriors of Vṛṣṇīs and Andhakas were burnt by the curse of Brāhmaṇas and therefore Arjuna should not be grieved over their destruction; what had happened was bound to happen for that was dictated by fate for the magnanimous (Vṛṣṇīs) (*bhavitavyam tathā tad dhl diṣṭam etan mahātmanām*) 16. 9. 25-26; (77) Arjuna reported to Yudhiṣṭhira exactly what had happened to Vṛṣṇī and Andhaka people (*ācaṣṭa tad yathāvṛttam*) 16. 9. 38; (78) Janamejaya asked Vaiśampāyana what the Pāṇḍavas did after hearing about the strife in the family of Vṛṣṇīs and Andhakas (*vṛṣṇyan-dhakakule ... āhavam*); Vaiśampāyana told him that having heard about the great destruction of Vṛṣṇīs (*vṛṣṇīnām kadanam*

*mahat*), Yudhiṣṭhira decided to leave the kingdom (to retire to the forest); considering the destruction of Vṛṣṇīs and knowing the decision of Yudhiṣṭhira, all his brothers were glad to follow him (*harṣo 'bhavac ca sarveṣām bhrātṛṇām gomanam prati | yudhiṣṭhiramataṁ jñātvā vṛṣṇī-kṣayam avekṣya ca*) 17. 1. 1-2, 22; (79) In heaven, Yudhiṣṭhira was shown great heroes of Vṛṣṇīs and Andhakas (*vṛṣṇyandhaka-mahārathān*) among the groups of Sādhyas, Vasus and Maruts 18. 4. 14. F. Several persons referred to by just the family name Vṛṣṇī or Vārṣṇeya, or as their chief or king, or excellent among them, or hero of them, delighter, uplifter of the family, honoured by them, bull, tiger, lion among them, rarely mean among them : A. Related to or belonging to Vṛṣṇīs or Vārṣṇeyas, mostly as *vārṣṇeya*, occasionally as *vṛṣṇī* : (i) *vārṣṇeya* : (1) Kṛtavārman 9. 16. 69; (2) Chiefly Kṛṣṇa 1. 194. 15; 1. 210. 7, 15; 1. 214. 19; 1. 215. 2; 2. 2. 7; 2. 18. 21; 2. 19. 12; 2. 30. 18; 2. 33. 27, 30; 2. 34. 1; 2. 35. 10; 2. 42. 28; 3. 23. 20; 3. 180. 39; 3. 187. 52; 5. 5. 11; 5. 7. 8; 5. 76. 15, 20; 5. 78. 8; 5. 82. 11; 5. 84. 21; 5. 85. 10; 5. 87. 15; 5. 88. 3, 27, 37; 5. 89. 7, 11, 36; 5. 122. 5; 5. 128. 6; 5. 135. 7; 5. 139. 1, 15, 29, 54, 56; 5. 141. 6, 9; 5. 151. 1; 5. 155. 12, 14; 6. 23. 41; 6. 25. 36; 6. 46. 3, 12; 6. 48. 12; 6. 55. 62; 6. 77. 33; 6. 80. 44; 6. 103. 21, 46, 50, 55; 6. 108. 31; 7. 10. 34; 7. 58. 33; 7. 59. 11; 7. 67. 24; 7. 68. 17; 7. 70. 1; 7. 122. 26; 7. 123. 29; 7. 124. 7; 7. 153. 4; 7. 157. 21; 7. 158. 32-33; 7. 165. 43; 8. 23. 17; 8. 31. 55; 8. 52. 6; 8. 57. 32; 10. 9. 30; 11. 17. 5, 20; 11. 18. 12; 12. 48. 14; 12. 50. 2; 12. 52. 23; 12. 82. 13; 12. 330. 50; 13. 17. 168; 13. 32. 25; 14. 17. 5;