

Śaṅkara 3. 40. 39-40, and then returned to Arjuna 3. 41. 4, 25; used while fighting with the Nivātakavacas 3. 167. 6, 22; 3. 168. 23; 3. 169. 2; with Kālakeyas 3. 170. 40, 50; (at the time of cattle-raid) while fighting with Karna 4. 49. 22; with Kṛpa 4. 52. 3, 8; with Droṇa 4. 53. 28, 58; at the start of the epic war Arjuna raised his bow (Gāṇḍīva not named) while asking Kṛṣṇa to station his chariot between the two armies 6. 23. 20; out of dejection Gāṇḍīva slipped down from Arjuna's hand 6. 23. 30; but afterwards he used it successfully in the war 6. 41. 1; he used it to attack Bhīṣma 6. 43. 9; 6. 81. 10; to fight with Suda-kṣiṇa (a Kāmboja prince) 7. 67. 61; its use against Jayadratha hinted 3. 252. 17, 18; while forcing his way towards Jayadratha 1. 1. 137; Arjuna, with Gāṇḍīva in hand, stood guard on the ground when, while marching towards Jayadratha, Kṛṣṇa refreshed the horses 7. 74. 41; while aiming the arrow at Jayadratha 7. 89. 17; to cut off Jayadratha's head 7. 121. 3; while fighting with Karna 7. 114. 82, 83, 87; 8. 68. 37; Arjuna bent his bow (*dhanur vīṇāmya*) while boasting about himself 8. 49. 92; he used it to fight with Aśvatthāman 9. 13. 26; to protect Yudhiṣṭhira 9. 17. 6; to foil the attempt of Śakuni's warriors to kill Sahadeva 9. 28. 3, 30; while fighting with Vajradatta (son of Bhagadatta of Prāgyotiṣa) 14. 74. 4, 5, 14; and when Vajradatta's elephant attacked Arjuna 14. 75. 10; at the end of the epic war when the Pāṇḍavas reached the camp of Duryodhana Kṛṣṇa asked Arjuna to unstring the Gāṇḍīva 9. 61. 9; he used it while fighting with Babhruvāhana 14. 78. 27; with Meghasandhi (son of Jarāsandha) 14. 83. 11, 15; with the Mleccha armies

of the Vāṅga, the Puṇḍra, and the Kerala countries 14. 83. 29-30; to fight with the Dasyus 16. 8. 52, 58. H. Arjuna's vow regarding Gāṇḍīva : It was Arjuna's secret vow (*upāṁśuvrata*, *vrata*) to kill a person who asked him to give away his Gāṇḍīva to some one else 8. 49. 9, 61-62; (*pratijñā*) 8. 49. 11, 63; but the vow was apparently known to Kṛṣṇa (8. 49. 61) and to Yudhiṣṭhira 8. 49. 107-109 (*pratijñā*); Yudhiṣṭhira, in a fit of anger, asked Arjuna to give away Gāṇḍīva to Kṛṣṇa and act as his charioteer, and hence Yudhiṣṭhira's life was in danger 8. 48. 14; 8. 49. 1. I. Comparisons : 1 (i) Arjuna with the stretched Gāṇḍīva forming a full circle appeared like the sun with a halo around it (*yathaiva sūryaḥ pariveśagas tathā*) 8. 57. 57; (ii) when Arjuna released arrows using both hands, Gāṇḍīva looked like a swinging wheel of fire (*agnicakram ivābaddham*) 4. 59. 12; (iii) in the sacrifice to be performed with weapons (*śastrayajña*), Gāṇḍīva would serve as a sacrificial ladle (*sruc*) 5. 139. 30; 2. Standard of comparison : (i) The lustre of Rukmin's bow (Vijaya), obtained from Mahendra, compared with that of Gāṇḍīva 5. 155. 4; (ii) the sound (*ghoṣa*) of Abhimanyu's bow compared with that of Gāṇḍīva 6. 45. 16. J. Defeat : 1. Occasional : (i) When Arjuna's arrows had no effect on the armour of Duryodhana, Kṛṣṇa asked Arjuna whether his Gāṇḍīva had lost its former force (*prāṇāḥ*) 7. 78. 7; (ii) Jayadratha on one occasion succeeded in piercing the Gāṇḍīva with three arrows 7. 121. 12; (iii) as long as Karna had his armour, ear-rings, and the *śakti*, Arjuna, even with his Gāṇḍīva, could not defeat Karna 7. 155. 17; 7. 155. 13-15; (iv) when