

*kṣatṛtyā bhuvi || ailavanītyās tu ye rājāms
tathaivekṣvākavo nṛpāḥ | tāni caikaśatam
viddhi kulāni bharatarṣabha ||* (2. 13. 4-5).

Oḍra¹, Uḍra m. (pl.) : Name of a country and its people.

A. Location : In the south (*prayayau dakṣiṇām diśam*) 2. 28. 1; (*dakṣiṇābhī-mukho yayau*) 2. 28. 8; (*prāyād vijayī dakṣiṇām diśam*) 2. 28. 37. **B. King** :

King of the Uḍra country referred to as Uḍrarāja (*pāṇḍyodrarājau*) 2. 4. 21; or simply as Uḍra (*yatra sarvān mahīpālān ... sapaṇḍroḍrān*) 3. 48. 18. **C. Description** :

(i) of the people : Live in country side (*viṣayavāstn*), but lead the life of Dasyus (*dasyujīvin*) 12. 65. 15; broad-chested, having long arms, very tall, pleasing to look at, wearing chaplets, having red teeth, walking like elephants in rut, wearing garments of different colours, smeared with fragrant powders (*vyūḍhoraskā dīrghabhujāḥ prāmśavaḥ priyadarśanāḥ || āpīḍino raktadantā mattamātāṅga-vikramāḥ | nānāvīrāgavasānā gandhacūr-ṇāvacūrṇitāḥ ||*) 8. 8. 15-16; (ii) of their warriors : carrying swords bound (to their waists), noose in hand, capable of resisting elephants, dying together when lined up in the front of the army, equipped with quivers full of arrows, holding bows in hands, long-haired, loving wars (*baddhāsayāḥ pāśahastā vāraṇaprativāraṇāḥ | samānamṛtyavo rājann anīkasthāḥ para-sparam || kalāpinaś cāpahastā dīrghakesāḥ priyāhavāḥ |*) 8. 8. 17-18; as soldiers they received large amounts as payments (*bhṛtā vṛttena mahatā*) 8. 8. 15. **D. Epic events** :

(1) The king (not named) of the Uḍra country mentioned among those who waited on Yudhiṣṭhira in his newly-built Sabhā

(*dharmarājam upāsate ... pāṇḍyodrarājau*)

2. 4. 18, 21; (2) Sahadeva, in his expedition to the south, subjugated them just by sending envoys and made them pay tribute (*pāṇḍyāms ca ... uḍrakeraḷaiḥ | ... dūtair eva vaśe cakre karam cainān adāpayat ||*) 2. 28. 48-49; (3) The king of the Uḍra country mentioned among those who were frightened by the lustre of weapons; they attended the Rājasūya sacrifice of Yudhiṣṭhira and served meals (*yatra sarvān mahīpālān śāstratejo-bhayārditān | ... sapaṇḍroḍrān ... āgatān ... yajñe te pariveśakān*) 3. 48. 18, 22; (4) Mentioned among those who, led by Bhīma and others, marched to attack the Kaurava army (*asmān abhyāgaman pāṛthā vṛkodara-purogamāḥ | ... pāṇḍyāś caudrāḥ*) 8. 8. 13, 15. **E. Past event** : King Māndhātṛ once asked Indra what was the *dharma* of the Oḍras and how they should be restrained by kings like him (*oḍrāḥ ... katham dharmam Careyus te ... madvidhaiś ca katham sthāpyāḥ*) 12. 65. 14-15; Indra then told him the *dharma* of Dasyus 12. 65. 17-22.

Oḍra² m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

A. Location : Probably they lived in the valleys in the north since they are mentioned with other northern tribes (*cīnān hūṇāṇ śakān oḍrān parvatāntaravāsinaḥ*) 2. 47. 19. **B. Epic event** : Oḍras brought tribute for Yudhiṣṭhira's Rājasūya but were not allowed to get through the gate (*balim ca kṛtsnam ādāya dvāri tiṣṭhanti vāritāḥ*) 2. 47. 25; their tribute consisted of ten thousand tamed and famous asses having large bodies and long necks and who could walk long distances (? *śatapātinaḥ*); woolen materials, large in size, rich in colour, very soft to touch, produced in the Bāhlī and Cīna countries, also *raṅku*-hides, silk, jute