

was better to give back to Pāṇḍavas their share of kingdom before war broke out in which Yudhiṣṭhira would be backed by Kṛṣṇa, Sātyaki and Sṛñjayas 5. 22. 9; 5. 56. 33; when he sent Saṁjaya to Upaplavya, he asked him (Saṁjaya) to enquire about the health of all including Sṛñjayas (*teṣāṁ bhāgam ... purā yuddhāt sādhu tasya pradānam* ||... *anāmayaṁ madvacanena pr-ccheḥ*) 5. 22. 8-9, 38; (3) Saṁjaya wanted Yudhiṣṭhira to work for peace so that Kauravas, Pāṇḍavas, Sṛñjayas and the rest of the assembled kings would live in happiness (*śamaṁ kuryā yena śarmāpnuyus te*) 5. 24. 9; Yudhiṣṭhira asked Saṁjaya to communicate the message of Dhṛtarāṣṭra to the assembly in which Sṛñjayas were also present 5. 25. 1; Saṁjaya appealed to all of them to act in a way that would lead to the well-being of Kurus and Sṛñjayas (*kṛtāñjaliḥ śaraṇaṁ vaḥ prapadye katham svasti syāt kurusṛñjayānām*) 5. 25. 14; Yudhiṣṭhira failed to see how there could be well-being for Kurus and Sṛñjayas when Dhṛtarāṣṭra had usurped the prosperity of Pāṇḍavas (*katham svasti syāt kurusṛñjayānām | āttatṣvāryo dhṛtarāṣṭraḥ parebhyaḥ |*) 5. 26. 18; Yudhiṣṭhira also told Saṁjaya that Sṛñjayas followed the advice of Kṛṣṇa and hence were capable of controlling their enemies and delighting their friends (*sṛñjayāḥ ... | upāśīnā vāsudevasya buddhiṁ ...*) 5. 28. 11; (4) Saṁjaya told Duryodhana that Pāṇḍavas and Sṛñjayas heard attentively all that Arjuna wanted him to convey to the Kurus; Arjuna said that Duryodhana would repent when he saw Dhṛṣṭadyumna fighting at the head of the army of Sṛñjayas; he also told Saṁjaya that

their Brāhmaṇas who were experts in astrology had predicted the destruction of Kurus and Sṛñjayas in war 5. 47. 5, 37, 93; (5) Dhṛtarāṣṭra envied those who could see and listen to the words of Kṛṣṇa which were meant for the welfare of Sṛñjayas (*bhāratīm ... śaṅkarīm sṛñjayānām*) 5. 69. 2 (NI. on Bom. Ed. 5. 71. 2 : *śaṅkarīm kalyāṇakarīm*); (6) Kṛṣṇa assured Yudhiṣṭhira that when he met the Kauravas he would try to keep the agitated Kurus and Sṛñjayas away from the noose of death (*mocayeyam mṛtyupāśāt samrabdhān kurusṛñjayān*) 5. 70. 81; (7) Before Kṛṣṇa left to meet the Kauravas, Draupadī told him that the Pāṇḍavas, along with Sṛñjayas would be able to face the army of Kauravas (*śakṣyanti hi mahābāho pāṇḍavāḥ sṛñjayaiḥ saha | dhṛtarāṣṭrabalam ... pratisamāsītum*) 5. 80. 11 (NI. on Bom. Ed. 5. 82. 11 : *pratisamāsītum pratipakṣatayā sthātum*); according to her, severe punishment should be quickly inflicted on Kauravas by Pāṇḍavas, Sṛñjayas and Kṛṣṇa; he should take care to see that he, along with Pāṇḍavas and Sṛñjayas, was not blamed for not killing one who deserved to be killed 5. 80. 14, 18-19; (8) Kṛṣṇa assured Vidura that he would attempt to bring about reconciliation between Kurus and Sṛñjayas who would otherwise perish in war (*saṁgrāme vīnaśiṣyatām*) 5. 91. 8; (9) Duryodhana wanted to know from Kṛṣṇa what wrong did the Kauravas do to Pāṇḍavas and Sṛñjayas or for what fault of Kauravas did they want to kill Kauravas (*kim asmābhiḥ kṛtām teṣāṁ kasmin vā punar āgast*) 5. 125. 11; (10) When Ulūka was asked by Yudhiṣṭhira to convey to the assembly the