

weapons on him from all sides (*abhyadra-
vanta ... śastravrṣṭyā samantataḥ*) 6. 113.
16-17; Somakas and Pāñcālas were delight-
ed when Bhīṣma fell down 6. 114. 107;
(17) On the fourteenth day, when Droṇa
started killing Somakas no one succeeded
in facing him, nor was any one able to
pierce him (with an arrow) (*na cāpya-
bhṭyayuh kecid apare naiva vivyadhuḥ*) 7.
85. 34; watching the fierce duel between
Satyasena and Sātyaki, Kauravas and
Somakas praised them 7. 94. 7; in the
afternoon of that day, Droṇa again fought
with Somakas (*aparāhṇe ... saṁgrāmaḥ
samapadyata /... punar droṇasya somakalḥ*)
7. 101. 1; when the different alignments of
the Pāṇḍava army were being agitated by
Droṇa (*vyūheṣv āloḍyamāneṣu*), Pāṇḍavas,
Pāñcālas and Somakas went deep into the
army of Kauravas (*sudūram anvayuh*); the
battle fought was so fierce that it looked
like the end of the world (*yugānta iva
bhārata*) 7. 102. 1-2; when Bhīma
marched to offer assistance to Arjuna,
Pāñcālas and Somakas followed him 7.
102. 67; after the death of Jayadratha, in
the evening (*astam gacchatī bhāskare*),
Droṇa fought a fierce battle with Somakas
(*somakaiḥ sārḍham saṁgrāmo lomaharṣa-
naḥ*); at that time great chariot-fighters
of Somakas made every attempt to kill
Droṇa (*te tu sarve prayatnena bhāradvājaḥ
jighāmsavaḥ /... ayudhyanta mahārathāḥ //*)
7. 121. 45-46; Droṇa sent a message to
Aśvatthāman through Duryodhana not to
spare Somakas in order to save his own
life (*na somakāḥ pramoktavyā jīvitaṁ
partrakṣatā*) 7. 126. 33; (18) In the
night war (which took place between the
fourteenth and the fifteenth day), Duryo-

dhana assured his fleeing army that he
would himself kill Pārthas together with
Pāñcālas and Somakas 7. 134. 54; Duryo-
dhana requested Aśvatthāman to kill
Pāñcālas and Somakas who, agitated, were
moving in his army like a conflagration;
he should kill them before they killed
Kauravas (*ete hi somakā ... mama sainyeṣu
saṁrabdhā vicaranti davāgnivat*) 7. 134.
76-78; Aśvatthāman assured Duryodhana
that for his sake and to delight him he
would fight with Pāñcālas, Somakas and
Kekayas (*oṣa gacchāmi saṁgrāme tvat-
kṛte ... /... tvatpriyārtham*); scorched by
his arrows, Somakas and others would
run away in all directions; seeing his
valour, Yudhiṣṭhira and Somakas would
consider the world full of Aśvatthāman
(*aśvatthāmamayaṁ lokaṁ māmsyante*);
Yudhiṣṭhira would be dejected seeing the
slain Pāñcālas and Somakas; Aśvatthāman
would kill only those who engaged him in
battle (*ye mām yuddhe 'bhṭyotsyanti tān
haniṣyāmi ...*); once Somakas were within
his reach they would not return alive 7.
135. 10-14; in the battle that followed
Pāñcālas and Somakas fled 7. 135. 20;
Śrījayas, Pāñcālas, Matsyas and Somakas
followed Arjuna and Bhīma to attack Droṇa
from right and left respectively (*bībhatsur
dakṣiṇaṁ pārśvam uttaraṁ tu vṛkodaraḥ*)
7. 136. 13-14; Duryodhana advised his
brothers to offer protection to Droṇa so
that he would be able to kill Pārthas,
Somakas and Śrījayas along with their
kings (*somakān hanyāt śrījayāṁś ca sarā-
jakān*) 7. 139. 21, 24; in the midst of the
fierce night war (*raudre rātri yuddhe*),
Yudhiṣṭhira exhorted Pāṇḍavas and Soma-
kas to attack Droṇa alone in order to kill