

lion (*simhasamānavīrya*) 5. 47. 30; heroic while fighting battles (*pṛtanāśūra*) 6. 19. 21; very difficult to be conquered (*sudurjaya*) 10. 8. 47; cruel (*krūra*) 7. 70. 45; six thousand of Prabhadra (here specifically said to be Pāñcālās (*prabhadrakāṣṭu pāñcālāḥ*) with ready weapons rode chariots that were drawn by excellent horses of different colours and were adorned with variegated banners having gold staves; they stood with stretched bows and shook their enemies by discharging arrows; they were always determined to die together (*udāyudhāḥ | nānāvarṇair hayaśreṣṭhair hema-citrarathadhvajāḥ || śaravṛtāir vidhunvantaḥ śatrūn vitatakārmukāḥ | samānamṛtyavo bhūtvā dhṛṣṭadyumnaṁ samanvayuh ||*) 7. 22. 36-37. B. Epic events : (1) Arjuna told Saṁjaya that in war when Prabhadra would strike down the sons of Dhṛtarāṣṭra, Duryodhana would repent (*prabhadrakā ... yadā kṣeptāro dhārtarāṣṭrān*) 5. 47. 30; (2) Mentioned among those who were on the side of Yudhiṣṭhira (*pāñcālās ca prabhadrakāḥ*) 5. 56. 33; as part of the army of the Pāṇḍavas, they marched towards Kurukṣetra 5. 149. 50; they with Nakula, Sahadeva and others and led by Dhṛṣṭadyumna (*dhṛṣṭadyumnamukhān*) were ordered by Yudhiṣṭhira to set out first towards Kurukṣetra 5. 197. 12; (3) On the first day of war, in the Vajravīha of Pāṇḍavas (6. 19. 7), Prabhadra, led by Dhṛṣṭadyumna, were among those who guarded the rear (*prṣṭhagopāḥ*) of Bhīma 6. 19. 20-21; on that day Bhīma killed Prabhadra and others (*pāñcālān...prabhadrakān*) 6. 45. 54; (4) On the third day, Dhṛṣṭadyumna and Śikhaṇḍin, along with Pāñcālās and Pra-

bhadra stood in the middle of the Ardhacandravīha (6. 52. 10) of Pāṇḍavas (*pāñcālāś ca prabhadrakāḥ*) 6. 52. 14; (5) On the tenth day, Prabhadra trembled (*samakampanta*) when they heard the rattle produced by Droṇa's chariot 6. 107. 48; (6) On the thirteenth day, all Prabhadra were among those who were to follow Abhimanyu after he penetrated the Cakravīha (*pāñcālāḥ ... sarve prabhadrakāḥ*) 7. 34. 22; (7) On the fourteenth day, an Āvanti (not named) checked the march of Dhṛṣṭadyumna who was helped by Prabhadra 7. 70. 45; in the evening of that day, six thousand striking Prabhadra and Pāñcālās, led by Śikhaṇḍin, attacked Droṇa (*prabhadrakāś ca pāñcālāḥ śaiḥ sahasrāḥ prahāriṇaḥ*) 7. 129. 10; (8) During the night war, Śikhaṇḍin with three thousand Prabhadra followed Yudhiṣṭhira when he started to fight with Karṇa (*trisāhasraiḥ prabhadrakaiḥ*) 7. 158. 49; Yudhiṣṭhira wanted Prabhadra and others to attack Droṇa 7. 159. 5; (9) On the sixteenth day, Dhṛṣṭadyumna, Śikhaṇḍin and Prabhadra attacked the army of Kauravas 8. 8. 14; on the same day Pāṇḍava heroes, aided by Prabhadra, fought with the army of elephants attacking them; the elephants crushed them with feet and broke them with tusks; but Prabhadra and their leaders continued to shower arrows on elephants 8. 17. 7-10, 26; they were among those excellent warriors (*pravīrāḥ*) who oppressed Karṇa (*sarve karṇam apīḍayan*) 8. 21. 25; (10) On the seventeenth day Karṇa killed seventyseven excellent Prabhadra warriors (*prabhadrakāṇāṁ pravarān ahanat saptasaptatim*); excellent (*pravīrāḥ*) Prabhadra attacked