

endowed with energy and strength, were of noble breed and good temper, free from interior marks, of broad nostrils and large jaws, blameless as they were free from ten curls, and having the speed of wind; though lean they were capable (of going long distances) and enduring on roads (*tejobala-samāyuktān kulāśīlasamanvitān | varjitāṁ lakṣaṇair hīnaiḥ prthuprothān mahāhanūn | suddhān dasabhir āvartaiḥ sindhujān vāta-ramhasaḥ ||*; *kṛśān āśvān samarthān adhvanī kṣamān*) 3. 69. 12, 11, 17 (Nī. on Bom. Ed. 3. 71. 13-14; *śīlān sādicitānu-sāritā hīnair lakṣaṇaiḥ śatapadīprabhṛtibhir varjitān | protham nāsikā | hanuḥ adharam mukhaphalakam | suddhān hradāvartādiduṣṭāvartahīnān sindhujān sindhu-deśajān |*). C. Epic events : (1) The kings of Saindhavas, subdued by Pāṇḍavas, attended the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira and acted as servers (*yatra sarvān mahīpālān śastratejobhayārditān | ... saindhavāms tathā | ... yajñe te pariveśakān ||*) 3. 48. 18, 21-22; (2) Jayadratha suggested to Draupadī to abandon Pāṇḍavas who had lost their kingdom and marry him so that she could, along with him, rule over the entire Sindhu and Suvra countries (*akhilān sindhusauvīrān avāpnuhī mayā saha*) 3. 251. 18; the warriors of the Śibi, Sindhu and Trigarta countries were dejected to see Pāṇḍavas fighting with them 3. 255. 3; Arjuna killed the Saindhavas who happened to come within the range of his arrows (*trigartān saindhavān api | jaghāna ... bānagocaram āgatān*) 3. 255. 28; when Jayadratha fled, Arjuna asked Bhīma not to kill any longer Saindhava warriors (*vārayām āsa nighnantam bhīmam saindhavasainikān*) 3. 255. 36; the inmates of the āśrama

were delighted to see Yudhiṣṭhira return with abducted Draupadī after defeating the Sindhu and Sauvira armies (*jītvā tān sindhusauvīrān*) 3. 255. 50; (3) Jayadratha, of the Sindhu country, joined the army of Duryodhana (*jayadrathamukhās cānye sindhusauvīravāsinaḥ*) 5. 19. 19; (4) Before the start of the war, the Kṣatriyas of the Sindhu country and others, headed by Bhīṣma, stood in the front position of the army (*bhīṣmo 'grataḥ sarvasainyasya vṛddhaḥ ... kṣatriyā ye ca sindhau*) 6. 20. 9-10; (5) On the second day of war, Sindhu warriors and Sauvīras (*sindhusauvīrāḥ*), led by Śakuni, protected Droṇa who was behind Bhīṣma in the Mahāvyūha of Kauravas 6. 47. 10, 14; (6) On the third day, Sindhu warriors and Sauvīras (*sindhusauvīrāḥ*) were posted at the 'neck' position (*grivāyām*) of the Garuḍavyūha of Kauravas 6. 52. 2-3, 5; (7) On the eighth day, Irāvān, son of Arjuna, attacked the Kaurava army with horses of different countries some of them being those from the Sindhu country (*vājinām | ... sindhujānām ca sarvaśaḥ*); the horses were swift like wind (*hoyair vātajavair ...*) 6. 86. 3, 5-6; (8) On the thirteenth day, Arjuna assured Kṛṣṇa that he would kill the next day the Saindhava warriors along with their kings (*mayā sarājakā bāṇair nunnā namkṣyanti saindhavāḥ*) 7. 53. 48; (9) On the fourteenth day, Yudhiṣṭhira pointed out to Sātyaki that Arjuna, proceeding towards Jayadratha, was encircled by the Sindhu warriors and Sauvīras (*samvṛtaḥ sindhusauvīraiḥ*) 7. 85. 73; Sātyaki told Yudhiṣṭhira that Saindhavas were no match for Arjuna (*saindhava-pauravāḥ | ... ete 'rjunasya kruddhasya*