

(*vidharbhānūpavāsikāḥ*) 6. 10. 42; called *rāṣṭra* (sg.) 12. 264. 3. B. Description : Excelling others in the observance of *dharma*, best (*rāṣṭre dharmottare śreṣṭhe vidarbheṣu*) 12. 264. 3. C. Epic events : (1) On the second day of war, Vidarbha warriors and others along with their armies accompanied Droṇa who was behind Bhīṣma in the Mahāvīra of Kauravas (*vidarbhair mekalais caiva ... sahitāḥ sarvasainyena*) 6. 47. 10, 12-13. D. Past events : (a) from the story of Nala : (1) King Bhīma once ruled over the Vidarbha country 3. 50. 5; 3. 61. 72; he protected it well (*samyag goptā vidarbhānām ...*) 3. 61. 44; (2) The swans promised Nala that they would praise him in the presence of Damayantī, flew towards Vidharbha and reached its principal town (*vidarbhānagarīm gatvā*) 3. 50. 21-22; (3) The guardians of the world, Indra and others, started for the Vidarbha country to attend the *svayamvara* of Damayantī 3. 51. 24; (4) As directed by Damayantī, Vārṣṇeya, the charioteer of Nala, put her two children (son and a daughter) on a chariot and took them to her father in Vidarbha (*yayau mithunam āropya vidarbhāns tena vāhinā*) 3. 57. 20 (NI. on Bom. Ed. 3. 60. 19 : *mithunam kumāraṁ kumārīm ca*); (5) Nala pointed out to Damayantī the road that led to the Vidarbha country; she asked him why he showed to her the road to Vidarbha; she suggested to him that both of them together, and not she alone, might go to Vidarbha 3. 58. 22, 30, 33; (6) When Sudeva saw Damayantī in the Cedi country, he thought her to be like a lotus plant lifted from a pond of the Vidarbha country (*vidarbhaśarasas tasmād daiva-*

doṣād ivoddhṛtām / ... mṛṇālīm iva) 3. 65. 12; (7) Damayantī told the mother of Subāhu, the king of Cedis, that she wished to go to Vidarbha; she was accordingly sent to Vidarbha 3. 66. 19, 22; (8) King R̥tuparna told Bāhuka (Nala) that he wished to go to Vidarbha in a day to attend Damayantī's *svayamvara* (*vidarbhān yātum icchāmi ... / ekāhnā*); Bāhuka assured him that he would be able to reach the capital town of Vidarbha in a day although the horses he (Bāhuka) had chosen were lean (*pratijānāmi te satyam gaṁṣyastī ... / ekāhnā ... vidarbhānagarīm nṛpa ||*) 3. 69. 2, 9, 15; on way, R̥tuparna, although he relied on Bāhuka to reach Vidarbha on time, told him not to raise any obstacle; if Bāhuka took him to Vidarbha before sunset he would give Bāhuka anything he wanted (*vidarbhān yadi yātvādyā sūryam darśayitāsi me / kāmam ca te kariṣyāmi*); but Bāhuka told R̥tuparna that he would first count the Vibhītaka fruit and then proceed to Vidarbha; when Kali had left Nala's body, king R̥tuparna proceeded to Vidarbha 3. 70. 17-19, 38; R̥tuparna reached Vidarbha in the evening (*vidarbhān samprāptam sāyāhne*) 3. 71. 1; (b) other past event : Once a certain Brāhmaṇa lived in the Vidarbha country (*vidarbheṣv abhavad dvijaḥ*) 12. 264. 3. E. Some persons referred to with reference to the Vidarbha country as the king of Vidarbha, one belonging to Vidarbha, etc. : A. King of Vidarbha : (a) *vidarbhapatī* : Bhīma 3. 51. 5; (b) *vidarbharāj* : Bhīma 3. 61. 119; (c) *vidarbharāja* : (1) Bhīma 3. 66. 1; (*vidarbharājaduhitā*) 3. 51. 19; 3. 58. 34; (*vidarbharājatanayā*) 3. 61. 31; (2) A king, not named, father of Lopāmudrā 3. 94. 18; (3)