Kāvaseya ('descendant of Kavasa') is the constant patronymic of Tura. The Kāvaseyas are also mentioned as teachers of philosophical points in the Rigveda Āranyakas.¹

1 Aitareya Aranyaka, iii. 2, 6; Cf. Weber, Indische Studien, 1, 391, n.; Sānkhāyana Āranyaka, viii. 11. 2, 418; Keith, Aitareya Āranyaka, 257.

Kāvya ('descendant of Kavi') is the constant¹ patronymic of Usanas. In the Pañcaviṃsa Brāhmaṇa it is also applied to Idhat² and Ukṣṇorandhra.³

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1 Rv. i. 51, 11; 83, 5; 121, 12; vi. 20, 11; viii. 23, 17; Av. iv. 29, 6; Taittirīya Samhitā, ii. 5, 8, 5, etc.
2 xiv. 9, 16.
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3 xiii, 9, 19. Cf. Hopkins, Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, 15, 48, 49.

Kāśa.—Roth¹ finds this word, which denotes a species of grass (Saccharum spontaneum) used for mats, etc., in one passage of the Rigveda,² but the reading is uncertain. The word has this sense in the Taittirīya Āraṇyaka.³

1 St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

2 x. 100, 10.

3 vi. 9, 1.

Kāśi, Kāśya.—The name Kāśi denotes (in the plural¹) the people of Kāśi (Benares), and Kāśya, the king of Kāśi. The Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa² tells of Dhṛtarāṣṭra, king of Kāśi, who was defeated by Śatānīka Sāṭrājita, with the result that the Kāśis, down to the time of the Brāhmaṇa, gave up the kindling of the sacred fire. Sāṭrājita was a Bharata. We hear also of Ajāṭaśaṭru as a king of Kāśi;³ and no doubt Bhadrasena Ajāṭaśaṭrava, a contemporary of Uddālaka, was also a king of Kāśi.

The Kāśis and Videhas were closely connected, as was natural in view of their geographical position. The compound name Kāśi-Videha occurs in the Kausītaki Upanisad; in the Bṛhadāranyaka Upanisad Gārgī describes Ajātaśatru as either a Kāśi or a Videha king. The Śānkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra 6

¹ Satapatha Brāhmana, xiii. 5, 4, 19, 21. The plural occurs also in the Paippalāda recension of the Atharvaveda, v. 22, 14.

² xiii. 5, 4, 19.

³ Brhadaranyaka Upanisad, ii. 1, 1; iii. 8, 2; Kausītaki Upanisad, iv. 1.

⁴ Kausitaki Upanisad, loc. cit.

⁵ iii. 8, 2.

⁶ xvi. 29, 5.