Vol. XII, p. 9; also cf. Bhogika and Mahābhogapati.

Mahābhoja (IE 8-2; EI 7, 22, 28; LL), a big Jāgīrdār; title of a feudatory ruler; see Bhojaka.

Mahābhojī (LL), wife of a Mahābhoja.

mahābhūta (IE 7-1-2), 'five'.

mahābhūtaghaṭa-dāna (SITI), name of a mahādāna. mahābhūtaka (EI 14), name of a mahādāna; same as mahābhūtaghaṭa-dāna.

mahācaturdaśī-parvan (EI 9), 14th tithi of the bright half of a month.

mahācaitya (LL), a great caitya (q. v.).

mahādāha (SITI), name of a hell which one is supposed to pass through after death on the way to the other world.

mahādāna (EI 7, 16; CII 4), a great gift, 16 of which are enumerated in the Purāṇas (see *Hist. Dharm.*, Vol. II, pp. 869-70; Suc. Sāt. L. Dec., pp. 50f.).

Mahādān-ākṣapaṭal-ādhikṛta (EI 31), officer in charge of the accounts section of the gift department.

Mahādānapati (EI 23; ML; HD), 'the great gift-lord', designation of one who gives a gift. Cf. CII, Vol. II, Pt. i., p. 28. Cf. Dānapati (EI 28), dedicator of an image of a god on the fulfilment of a desire.

Mahādānapatnī (EI 20), feminine form of Mahādānapati; a female bestower of gifts.

Mahādaṇḍanāyaka (IE 8-2, 8-3; EI 30; CII 3,4; BL.; HD); commander of forces; also called Khādya(kū*) ṭapākika, Sāndhivigrahika, Kumārāmātya, etc., additionally; one of the designations sometimes included in the pañca-mahāśabda; cf. the case of Maitraka Dhruvasena I (Ep. Ind., Vol. XX, p. 7; Ind. Ant., Vol. IV, p. 105). The five mahāśabdas applied to Dhruvasena are Mahādaṇḍanāyaka, Mahāsāmanta, Mahāpratīhāra, Mahākārtākṛtika and Mahārāja. See Daṇḍanāyaka, Sarvadaṇḍanāyaka, Mahāsarvadaṇḍanāyaka, Daṇḍapati.

Mahādānika (CII 4), head of the department of charity; officer in charge of donations; somtimes explained as 'the officer superintending the performance of the mahādāna ceremonies' (HD). See Ep. Ind., Vol. VII, p. 91. Cf. Dharmādhyakṣa.

Mahādauhsādhasādhanika (HD), cf. Dauhsādhasādhanika. See Ep. Ind., Vol. XVII, p. 321.

mahādeva (IE 7-1-2), 'eleven'.