

meeting of the general body of the *sabhā*; meeting of the *Mahājanas* in session; body of the *Mahājanas*.

*mahāsādhanabhāga* (IE 12; IA 14; HD), occurring in the *Rājataranṅiṇī*; explained as 'the office of the chief executive minister'; but cf. *Mahāsādhanika*; one of the five offices instituted by Lalitāditya of Kashmir (*Rājataranṅiṇī*, IV. 142-43).

*Mahāsādhanika* (IE 8-2, 8-3; CII 4; BL; HD), official designation indicating a commander of forces; the chief military officer; one of the designations often included in the *pañca-mahāśabda* as indicated by the *Rājataranṅiṇī*. See *Sādhanika* derived from *sādhana* or army. Cf. *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. VII, p. 91.

(IE 8-3), sometimes mentioned as a *Pātra*.

*Mahāsāhanī* (BL), cf. *Masāhaṇī* (EI 5), a military officer; the same as Sanskrit *Mahāsādhanika*.

*Mahāsāhasika* (IE 25), official designation; cf. *Duḥ-sādhya-sādhanika*.

*Mahāsainyapati* (EI 29; HL), commander of forces; cf. *Sainyapati* and *Mahāsenāpati*.

*mahāsāi* (EI 5), a kind of rice or paddy.

*mahāsām-karaṇa-ni* (IE 8-1), abbreviation of *mahāsāndhivigrahika-karaṇa-nirikṣita*, 'examined by the clerk of the *Mahāsāndhivigrahika*'. *Karaṇa* here may also be an abbreviation of *Adhikaraṇa* or office.

*Mahāsāmanta* (IE 8-2, 8-3; EI 30; CII 3, 4; BL), 'the great chieftain'; title of a feudatory of a higher rank than the *Sāmanta*; sometimes called *Mahārāja*, *Mahāpratihāra*, *Pañca-karaṇa-oparika*, *Pāty-uparika*, *Purapāl-oparika*, *Senādibāhattaraniyogādhiṣṭhāyaka*, *Mahāpradhāna*, *Sarvādhikārin*, *Mahāpasāyita*, *Daṇḍanāyaka*, etc., additionally. Cf. *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. II, p. 217; Vol. IX, p. 107.

(*SITI*), a vassal chief, sometimes holding the position of a minister or governor.

(IE 8-2), one of the designations sometimes included in the *pañca-mahāśabda*; cf. the case of Maitraka Dhruvasena I.

(IE 8-3), sometimes a feudatory of a lower grade than *Rājan* and *Rājanaka*.

*Mahāsāmantādhipati* (IE 8-2, 8-3; EI 29, 30; CII 4; BL; HD), a feudatory title; cf. *Sāmantādhipati* (EI 16); title of feudatories who had some subordinate chiefs under them; title of a feudatory of a higher rank than the *Mahāsāmanta*;