

(EI 26), same as Gujarātī *Mahetā* or *Mehtā*.

*Mahattara* (IE 8-3; EI 23, 29, 30; CII 4; BL; HD), literally, 'an elder [of a town or village]'; according to Stein (*Rājatarāṅginī*, VII. 659); a chamberlain, a village headman or head of a family or community and a member of the village council; cf. Hindī *Mahato*; Gujarātī *Mahetā*. Cf. *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI, p. 114 (*rāṣṭra-grāma-mahattara*); *Daśakumāracarita*, III, p. 77 (*janapada-mahattara*).

Cf. *mahattar-ādy-aṣṭakul-ādihikaraṇa* (EI 31), 'office of the administrative board of the *aṣṭakula* headed by the *Mahattara*'; see *Mahattara* and *aṣṭakul-ādihikaraṇa*.

(IE 3-3), official guide (Beal, *Life of Hiuen Tsiang*, p. 190).

*Mahattaraka* (EI 23; LL), explained as 'a chamberlain'; same as *Mahattara*.

*mahātrāṇa* (IE 8-5), Bengali; a rent-free holding in the possession of non-Brahmanical communities, e. g. the *Vaiṣṇavas*).

*Mahāvādḍavyavahārin* (EI 13; SII 11-2), see *Vaḍḍavyavahārin* and *Mahāvāṇḍavyavahārin*; Sanskrit *Mahāvṛddhavyavahārin*.

*Mahāvalākoṣṭhika* (IE 8-3), probably a mistake for *Mahā-balakoṣṭhika* (q. v.).

*Mahāvāṇḍavyavahārin* (EI 19; SITI), the great banker or chief merchant; head of a mercantile guild; same as *Mahāvādḍavyavahārin*.

*mahāvāruṇī* (EI 4), name of a *tithi*. See *mahāmahāvāruṇī*.

*mahāvihāra* (BL), Buddhist convent or monastery.

*Mahāvihāra-svāmin* (EI 8; CII 3; BL), designation of the builder of a Buddhist monastery and his heirs who were responsible for its maintenance; the builder or owner of a big monastery; cf. *Vihāra-svāmin*.

*mahāvihār-āyatana* (EI 22), a monastic establishment. Cf. *āyatana*.

*Mahāvinayadhara* (LL), Buddhist; cf. *Vinayadhara*, 'one who has committed the *Vinaya* texts to memory'.

*Mahāvratin* (EI 27; SITI), name of a Śaiva sect; followers of the said sect of Śaivism; an ascetic of the Kālāmukha sect.

*mahā-vyavasthā* (SITI), probably, the regulations framed by the *mahā-sabhā*.

*Mahāvīyūhapati* (EI 19, 28, 30; HD), the chief master of battle arrays. Cf. *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. XII, p. 40.