

Dhr̥ṣṭadyumna used it when he, with a sword and a shield in his hand, wanted to attack Droṇa who shot arrows at him 7. 164. 145-148.

Prasvāpa nt. : Name of a missile which sent the adversary to sleep.

It was fashioned by Viśvakarman (*viśvakṛtam*) and it belonged properly to Prajāpati (*prājāpatyam*) 5. 184. 12; described as 'dear' (*sudayita, dayita*) 5. 184. 11; 5. 184. 15; 5. 185. 23; it was known to Bhīṣma in his former life (*pūrvasmin dehadhāraṇe*); in his long-drawn fight with Rāma Jāmadagnya, when Bhīṣma was dejected, the eight Vipras (Vasus) reminded him of this missile in a dream and told him that it would flash upon him again (*idam astram sudayitam pratyabhijñāsyate bhavān*); the missile was not known to Rāma Jāmadagnya, and to no one else on the earth; the Vipras advised Bhīṣma to employ it forcefully (*bhṛṣam samyojayasva* 5. 184. 13) against Rāma Jāmadagnya; as a result Rāma would not die but just go to sleep; in its use against his teacher Rāma, Bhīṣma would incur no sin; Bhīṣma will have thus defeated Rāma with Prasvāpāstra (to be awakened by him later by using Sambodhanāstra); since Rāma could not be killed in battle, he was to be defeated by using Prasvāpāstra; the Vipras told Bhīṣma that a hero sent to sleep in battle and the one killed were considered by them equal (*prasuptam vā mṛtam vāpi tulyam manyāmahe vayam* 5. 184. 16) 5. 184. 9-17; the next day when Bhīṣma thought of the missile for employing it, it flashed in his mind (*cintitam ca tad astram me manasi pratyabhāt tadā*) 5. 185. 22-23; the gods, appearing in the heaven, however, forbid Bhīṣma

from using Prasvāpa against Rāma; as Bhīṣma put the arrow on his bow, Nārada drew Bhīṣma's attention to what the gods asked him and he told Bhīṣma not to insult Rāma who was his teacher; the eight Vipras also asked Bhīṣma to do what Nārada told him, since therein lay the welfare of the worlds (*etad dhi paramam śreyo lokānām*); hence Bhīṣma withdrew the missile; when Rāma saw Bhīṣma withdrawing the missile he accepted defeat at the hands of Bhīṣma (*dṛṣtvā tad astram vinivartitam vai | jito 'smi Bhīṣmeṇa sumandabuddhir ity eva vākyaṁ sahasā vyamuñcat*) 5. 186. 1-8. [See Prajāpatya¹ from which Prasvāpa is different]

Prajāpatya¹ nt. : A missile of Prajāpati.

(1) It was used by Bhīṣma and Arjuna against each other during the cattle-raid 4. 59. 21; (2) Employed by Droṇa, along with Aindra, against Yudhiṣṭhira to kill him (*jighāmsuḥ*); both missiles were repelled by Yudhiṣṭhira with Māhendrāstra 7. 132. 31-32. [See Prasvāpa which, although *prājāpatya*, is different from this missile].

Prajāpatya² adj. : of the missile Prasvāpa belonging to Prajāpati 5. 184. 12. [Different from Prajāpatya missile. See Prasvāpa and Prajāpatya¹]

Bārhaspatya m. : A particular arrangement of the army (*vyūha*) originating with Bṛhaspati.

Described as chief of the *vyūhas* (*vyūharāja*) 8. 31. 25, great *vyūha* (*mahāvūha*) that caused fear to the enemies 8. 31. 26, 29; it consisted of 'wings' (*pakṣa*) and 'extensions or extremities of wings' (*prapakṣa*) 8. 31. 6, 29; it was used by Karṇa on the seventeenth day of