

9, 11, 13; called big lightning (*mahāśani*) 1. 218. 30; looking like the fire at the time of the destruction of the world (*kālāgnisadṛśo-pamaḥ mas.*) 12. 273. 7; having six edges (*ṣaḍaśra*) 3. 98. 10; producing terrific sound (*bhīmanisvana*) 3. 98. 10; produced from the bones of a Brāhmaṇa (*brahmāsthī-sambhūta*) 12. 329. 27; produced from the lustre of a Brāhmaṇa (*brahmatejohava*) 9. 50. 33; killer of the enemies (*śatruhan*) 3. 98. 10; killer of the Dānavas (*dānavasūdana*) 1. 127. 12. C. Indra's proper weapon : Dear weapon of Indra (*indrasya dayitam vajram*) 1. 26. 28; 3. 45. 4; 3. 169. 13; hence Indra has epithets like *vajrin* 1. 26. 40; 1. 57. 3; 1. 185. 3; 1. 189. 12; 1. 199. 25; 1. 216. 27; 1. 218. 9; 2. 7. 13; 2. 58. 23; 2. 61. 63; 3. 99. 1; 3. 126. 28; 3. 213. 10; 3. 240. 21; 3. 276. 7; 3. 286. 9, 10; 3. 298. 3; 4. 22. 25; 4. 42. 18; 5. 13. 12; 5. 16. 15; 5. 74. 10; 7. 50. 73; 7. 173. 63; 8. 12. 9, 40, 44; 8. 14. 6; 8. 43. 67; 8. 45. 54; 8. 47. 12; 8. 69. 3; 9. 61. 27; 12. 217. 35; 12. 220. 11, 26; 12. 221. 7; 12. 273. 13; 13. 105. 62; 14. 10. 10; 14. 60. 18; *vajrabhṛt* 1. 51. 13; 1. 195. 17; 1. 215. 7; 1. 217. 18; 3. 22. 19; 3. 229. 13; 4. 34. 7; 4. 47. 10; 6. 15. 25; 6. 46. 41; 6. 60. 68; 6. 96. 11; 6. 114. 52; 7. 12. 11; 8. 5. 63; 9. 30. 5; 12. 217. 9; 13. 40. 29; *vajrasya bhartā* 1. 3. 152; *vajradhara* 1. 150. 16; 1. 207. 1 (*vajradhara°*); 1. 215. 13 (pl. *yair aham śaknuyām yoddhum api vajradharān bahūn*); 2. 4. 20; 3. 113. 23; 3. 121. 3; 3. 142. 14; 3. 154. 41; 3. 161. 19; 3. 216. 11; 3. 272. 3; 5. 21. 7; 6. 17. 36; 6. 79. 25; 6. 103. 69, 93; 7. 72. 30; 7. 94. 15; 7. 115. 10; 7. 167. 22; 9. 19. 5; 9. 47. 53; 12. 221. 88; 14. 78. 31 (*vajradhara°*); 15. 26. 11; *vajradhārin* 6. 95. 20; *vajrapāni* 1. 50. 12; 1.

134. 4; 1. 189. 21, 28; 3. 126. 39 (*vajrapānin*); 3. 163. 7; 3. 173. 14; 3. 276. 4 (*vajrapānin*); 3. 285. 10; 4. 33. 19; 4. 44. 21; 4. 56. 13; 6. 19. 7 (*vajrapānin*); 6. 46. 7; 6. 75. 26; 6. 78. 50; 6. 82. 37; 6. 103. 16; 6. 104. 33; 6. 112. 35; 7. 3. 14; 8. 26. 19, 42; 9. 23. 64; 10. 4. 1, 16; 13. 14. 88 (Śiva as Indra); 14. 54. 26; 14. 57. 27, 31; *vajrahasta* 5. 47. 5, 62, 63; 7. 69. 28; 7. 101. 70; 7. 167. 10; 8. 5. 31; 8. 10. 33; 8. 33. 40; 9. 31. 40; 13. 14. 151 (Śiva as Indra); *vajrodyatakara* 12. 273. 5; *vajrāyudha* 5. 155. 32; 6. 58. 54; *savajra* (Vāsava) 6. 58. 34; 6. 96. 11; 7. 64. 14 8. 29. 28; 12. 217. 38; *pragṛhītavajra* 8. 55. 3; Indra's arm has a scar due to his holding the *vajra* (*vajragrahaṇacihnena kareṇa balasūdanaḥ*) 3. 44. 25; Indra himself called Vajra 1. 21. 10; Indra boasts that he does not strike his Vajra against the weak (*na durbale vai viśṛjāmi vajram*) 14. 9. 29; that Vajra is the proper weapon of Indra is also brought out by such expressions as : the armour with which Duryodhana was equipped by Droṇa could not be pierced by Indra with his Vajra 7. 78. 13; Karṇa told Śalya that no one, not even Indra with his raised Vajra, can dissuade him from his resolve to fight with Arjuna 8. 27. 29; or Indra's telling Karṇa to ask for anything except his Vajra 3. 294. 19. D. Use by Indra : 1. Incidents related to the epic : (i) Indra released his lustrous missile (*svam astram asṛjad dīptam*), not named, against Arjuna at the time of the Khāṇḍava fire; it produced lightnings; Arjuna repelled it by Vāyavya astra 1. 218. 13, 15-16; Indra took up a thunderbolt (*aśani, mahāśani*), and, charging it with Vajra missile, released it against Kṛṣṇa and