Varuṇa⁴ adj.: of the conch Devadatta 2. 3. 7. [See Devadatta and Vāruṇa⁵]

Vāruṇa⁵ adj. : of the conch of Varuṇa (?).

Prajāpati in a previous age got it for Indra; the ocean (*kalaśodadhi*) brought it for Yudhiṣṭhira for his anointment at the Rājasūya (*kalaśodadhiḥ samudraḥ* Nī. on Bom. Ed. 2. 53. 15; however Nī. on Bom. Ed. 2. 49. 26. *kalaśa iva kalaśo jalapūrṇa-tvāt samudraḥ / ... anye tu kalaśodadhiḥ samudraḥ*); it was well-fashioned by Viśvakarman and was set with a thousand niṣkas (*siktaṁ niṣkasahasreṇa sukṛtaṁ viśvakarmaṇā*); with this Vāruṇa conch Kṛṣṇa anointed Yudhiṣṭhira 2. 49. 14–15; however, according to 2. 45. 26–27 the ocean (*kalaśodadhi*) brought a Vāruṇa drinking vessel made of brass (*kāṁsyaṁ ... vāru-ṇam*) to Yudhiṣṭhira; it was probably brought in a sling made of a thousand *rukmas* and adorned with many jewels 2. 45. 26–27.

Vāruṇāstra, Vāruṇa astra nt. : Name of the missile related to Varuṇa.

A. Description : heavenly (*divya*) 5. 181. 13; 6. 116. 38; 7. 73. 46; 12. 5. 13–14; fierce (*ghora*) 7. 53. 43. B. Knowledge : (1) Droṇa knew the use of the Vāruṇa astra 7. 166. 2; (2) Arjuna, after reaching the residence of Indra, was to learn the Astra from Varuṇa 3. 164. 29; Arjuna told Uttara that he received the Vāruṇa astra from Varuṇa 4. 56. 14; 7. 53 .43; 12. 5. 13–14; Vāruṇa astra included among the group of missiles (*astragrāmaḥ*) known to Arjuna 5. 181. 11; according to Bhīṣma known only to Arjuna, and perhaps to Kṛṣṇa 6. 116. 38–39; but it was apparently also known to Rāma Jāmadagnya, Bhīṣma, Droṇa, Sātyaki,

Śikhaṇḍin, Yudhiṣṭhira (?) and Karṇa (see the next section C); C. Use : (1) In the epic war : (i) by Droṇa : one of the missiles used against Yudhiṣṭhira with the inte-ntion of killing him (*jighāṁsuḥ*) 7. 132. 29; against Arjuna 7. 163. 28; (ii) by Arjuna : used by Arjuna, according to prescriptions, to repel the same (?) missile used by Droṇa against him (*muktaṁ muktaṁ droṇacāpāt taj jaghāna dhanaṁjayaḥ // astrāṇy astrair yadā tasya vidhivad dhanti pāṇḍavaḥ*) 7. 163. 28–29; to protect Bhīma from the fire of the Nārāyaṇāstra 7. 171. 1; (iii) Sātyaki employed the Vāruṇa astra to pacify the Āgneya astra, used by Droṇa (*tad āgneyaṁ mahāghoraṁ ripughnam upalakṣya saḥ / astram divyaṁ maheśvāso vāruṇaṁ samudairayat ... astre te vāruṇāgneye tābh-yām bāṇasamāhite*) 7. 73. 46, 48; (iv) Śikhaṇḍin used it to repel a powerful missile used against him by Śalya 6. 81. 25–27; (v) Karṇa used this missile to extinguish the fire caused by the Astra of Jātavedas (Āgneyāstra) employed by Arjuna 8. 67. 10; Arjuna nullified its effects by the Vāyavyāstra 8. 67. 11; (vi) Yudhiṣṭhira successfully combated the different missiles – one of them being Vāruṇa – used against him by Droṇa by using the same (?) missiles (*tāni cāstrāṇi dharmajaḥ / jaghānāstrair mahābāhuḥ*) 7. 132. 30. (2) Outside the epic war : used by Rāma Jāmadagnya against Bhīṣma to repulse his Āgneya astra 5. 181. 12; (ii) Bhīṣma used this missile against Śālva and with it crushed the four horses of Śālva 1. 96. 37; against Arjuna at the cattle-raid 4. 59. 21; (iii) Arjuna used it against Bhīṣma on the same occasion 4. 59. 21; Arjuna demonstrated it at the time of showing his skill in the use of