

49. 59. C. Special feature : Known for sharp and long swords, lances, *saktis*, *paraśvadhās* and sharp axes which were produced there (*niśitāms caiva dīrghāsīn ṛṣṭīśaktiparaśvadhān | aparāntasamudbhūtāms tathaiva paraśūñ śitān ||*) 2. 47, 24. D. Epic event : The above arms were brought as tribute for Yudhiṣṭhira by the people who came for his Rājasūya (*balim ca kṛtsnam ādāya dvāri tiṣṭhanti vāritāḥ*) 2. 47. 25.

**Abhīsāra** m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

A. Location : Listed by Samjaya among the (northern) Janapadas of the Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvam janapadān nibodha gadato mama*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*abhi-sārāḥ kulūtās ca*) 6. 10. 52. B. Characteristic : They are described as haughty, fond of battles, strong and having firm (?) hands (*samrambhiṇo yuddhasaundā balino dṛḍhapānayaḥ*) 8. 51. 19. C. Epic event : Mentioned among those who fought against Arjuna; struck by his arrows they fled in fear (*dārvābhisārā daradāḥ*) 7. 68. 42; (*sarais ca sataśo viddhās ... prādravanta raṇe bhītāḥ*) 7. 68. 45; pointed out to Arjuna by Kṛṣṇa among those who had gathered round the Kurus to help Suyodhana (*dārvābhisārā daradāḥ ... ete suyodhanasyārthe samrabdhāḥ kurubhiḥ saha*) 8. 51. 18, 20.

**Abhiṣāha** m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada and its people; mentioned almost always along with Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis (in 7. 132. 24 Bāhlikas appear in place of Śibis).

A. Characteristic : They are counted twice among the twelve Janapadas (*abhi-*

*śāhāḥ sūrasenāḥ ... dvādaśaite janapadāḥ*) 6. 18. 12-13; 6. 114. 76-77; Kṣatriyas (7. 136. 4), distinguished by their armour, they are said to be brave, ready to die in battle (*sūrās tanutyajāḥ* 6. 18. 14) and haughty due to pride (*abhiśāhāḥ kavacīnaḥ praharanto madotkaiḥ*) 8. 4. 37; very much excited in battle (*abhiśāhān ... yuddhadurmadān*) 7. 136. 4; strong (*balavantaḥ*) 6. 112. 107; they ranked as *mahārathas* 6. 112. 107, 111. B. Epic events : (1) Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis were among the thousands of charioteers who followed Duḥśāsana and other heroes acting as rear-guards (*prṣṭhagopāḥ* 6. 18. 10) of Bhīṣma (*rathā vimśatisāhāsrās ... abhiśāhāḥ sūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ || ... mahatā rathavaṁsena te 'bhya-rakṣan pitāmaham*) 6. 18. 10, 12, 14; (2) On the ninth day of the war, Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas and others did not run away from Bhīṣma though they were being killed by the sharp arrows of the Pāṇḍavas (*abhiśāhāḥ sūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ | samgrāme nājahur bhīṣmam vadhyaṁānāḥ śitaiḥ saraiḥ || ... vadhyaṁānāḥ pāṇḍaveyair mahātmaḥ*) 6. 102. 7-8; (3) On the tenth day of the war, Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis attacked Arjuna as the moths jump on fire; they were burnt by Arjuna with his heavenly missiles; struck by Arjuna the charioteers fell down with their standards, the horse-riders with their horses, and the elephant-riders with their elephants (*abhiśāhāḥ sūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ | ... abhipetū rane pārtham patangā iva pāvakam ||*) 6. 112. 109-112; (*sadhvajā rathīnaḥ petur hayārohā hayaiḥ saha | gajāḥ saha gajā-rohaiḥ*) 6. 112. 115; (4) On the tenth