

day of the war, a little before the fall of Bhīṣma, twelve Janapada, among whom were Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis, who did not forsake Bhīṣma, fighting with Arjuna, though they were themselves pierced by arrows and wounded (*abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ | ... dvādaśaite janapadāḥ śarārtā vranapīḍitāḥ | samgrāme na jahur bhīṣmam yudhyamānam kirīṇā ||*) 6. 114. 76-77; (5) On the fourteenth day of the war, Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis were among the tens of thousands of charioteers who followed Kāmoja and Śrutāyu(dha) who attempted to arrest the march of Arjuna towards Jayadratha; then there was a fierce fight (*eṣāṃ daśasahastrāṇi rathānām anuyāyinām | abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ | ... maheṣvāsam parākrāntam naravyāghram avārayan || tataḥ pravavṛte yuddham tumulam*) 7. 66. 37, 41-43; (6) When Śrutāyudha and Sudakṣina (a Kāmoja) were killed by Arjuna, Abhiṣāhas, Śūrasenas, Śibis and Vasātis showered arrows on Arjuna; when Arjuna retaliated, afraid, they ran away; however, they returned and surrounded Arjuna; Arjuna cut off their heads and arms (*abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ | abhyavarṣams ... śaravarṣair dhanamjayam || ... te sma bhītāḥ palāyanta ... | te nivṛtya punaḥ pārtham sarvataḥ paryavārayan ||*) 7. 68. 2-6; after the fall of Jayadratha, Duryodhana referred to this incident and said that Abhiṣāhas and others had given their life for his sake while fighting with Arjuna (*abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenāḥ śibayo 'tha vasātayaḥ ... hatā madartham samgrāme yudhyamānāḥ kirīṇā ||*) 7. 125. 31-32; (7) In the night war, Abhiṣāhas,

Śūrasenas and Vasātikas are mentioned among those who were killed by Yudhiṣṭhira (*abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenān ... savasātikān | nikṛtya pṛthivīm rājā cakre śonitakardamām ||*) 7. 132. 24; Śibis are mentioned in 7. 136. 3; (8) Bhīma too killed Abhiṣāhas and Śūrasenas in the night war (*abhiṣāhāḥ śūrasenān ... nikṛtya pṛthivīm cakre bhīmaḥ śonitakardamām ||*) 7. 136. 4; (9) Saṃjaya, while recounting to Dhṛtarāṣṭra the names of fallen heroes, mentioned among others Vasātis, Śūrasenas, Abhiṣāhas and Śibis who were killed while fighting with Arjuna (*vasātayo mahārāja ... | śūrasenās ca vikrāntāḥ ... | abhiṣāhāḥ kavacinaḥ praharanto madoikaṣāḥ ... | śibayaś ca rathodārāḥ ... te sarve pārtham āsādyā gatā vaivasvataḥkṣayam ||*) 8. 4. 36-38.

Amarathoraga (?) m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Saṃjaya among the (northern) Janapadas of the Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvam janapadān nibodha gadato mama*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*vātajāmarathoragāḥ*) 6. 10. 53 (or *vātajāma-rathoragāḥ*?).

Ambaṣṭha m. (pl.) : Name of Janapada whose warriors sided with the Kauravas.

A. Location : To the west of Khāṇḍavaprastha (*niryāya khāṇḍavaprasthāt praticīm abhito diśam*) 2. 29. 2; at one place they are reckoned among those who lived in the northwest (*sāmbaṣṭhāḥ pratīcyodīcyavāsinaḥ*) 7. 6. 6. **B.** Characterization : Referred to as a Janapada (*śālvā matsyās tathāmbaṣṭhās ... dvādaśaite janapadāḥ*) 6. 18. 13-14; 6. 114. 77; called Kṣatriyas (*ambaṣṭhāḥ ... kṣatriyāḥ*) 2. 48. 14, 16; 6. 20. 10; according to Parāśara they were a