

thern Ṛṣikas (*ṛṣikān uttarān api*) 2. 24. 24. B. Description : Great Ṛṣikas (*paramarṣika*<sup>0</sup>) 2. 24. 25. C. Epic events : (1) Arjuna in his expedition to the north before the Rājasūya conquered the northern Ṛṣikas; in the Ṛṣika country there was a battle between Arjuna and Ṛṣikas as terrible as the one (between gods) and Tārakāsura (?); Arjuna collected from them as tribute eight horses looking like a parrot's belly, some others looking like peacocks, and still others having the qualities of both (*ṛṣikān uttarān api* |... *vyajayat pākaśāsaniḥ* || *ṛṣikeṣu tu saṁgrāmo babhūvātibhayamkaraḥ* | *tārakāmayasamkāśaḥ paramarṣikapārthayoḥ* || *sa vijitya tato rājann ṛṣikān ...* | *śukodarasamaprakhyān hayān aṣṭau samānayat* | *mayūrasadrśān anyān ubhayān eva cāparān* ||) 2. 24. 24-26; (2) Drupada mentioned Ṛṣikas among those kings and peoples to whom messengers were to be sent to seek their help in war (*kāambojā ṛṣikā ye ca*) 5. 4. 15; (*eteṣāṁ preṣyatām śīghram*) 5. 4. 25; (3) Dhṛtarāṣṭra mentioned among Karṇa's exploits his victory over Ṛṣikas and his making them pay tribute (*aśmakān ṛṣikāms tathā* | *yo jivvā samare vīraś cakre balibhṛtaḥ pura* ||) 8. 5. 20.

**Ekapāda(ka) m. (pl.)** : Name of a people.

**A. Location** : In the south (*prayayau dakṣiṇām diśam*) 2. 28. 1; (*dakṣiṇabhimukho yayau*) 2. 28. 8; (*prāyād ... dakṣiṇām diśam*) 2. 28. 37. **B. Description** : Living in forests (*vanavāsinaḥ*) 2. 28. 47. **C. Epic events** : (1) Mentioned among those whom Sahadeva subjugated in his expedition to the south before the Rājasūya and made them pay tribute just by

sending messengers (*ekapādāms ca puruṣān ... dūtair eva vaśe cakre karam cainān adāpayat*) 2. 28. 47; (2) When they arrived for the Rājasūya they were stopped at the gate and were not allowed to enter; as tribute, they brought with them precious gold and silver as also forest-bred, very swift horses having different colours and therefore looking like fire-flies, others having the colour of parrots, or resembling rainbows, or twilight clouds (*ekapādāms ca ... dvāri vāritān* | *balyariham dadatas tasmai hiraṇyam rajatam bahu* || *indragopakavarṇābhān śukavarṇān manojavān* | *tathavindrāyudhanibhān saṁdhyābhrasadrśān api* || *anekavarṇān āraṇyān grhitvāśvān manojavān* | *jātarūpam anarghyam ca dadus tasyaikapādakāḥ* ||) 2. 47. 16-18.

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

Listed by Saṁjaya among the (northern) Janapadas of the Bhāratavarṣa (*atā ūrdhvam janapadān nibodha gadato mama*) 6. 10. 37, 5; also called Deśas (*deśāḥ saṁkīrtitāḥ*) 6. 10. 68; (*ekapṛṣṭhā yugandharāḥ*) 6. 10. 40.

**Ekāśanājyoha m. (pl.)** : Name of a people? (Or do we separate the names as Ekāśana and Jyoha?)

**A. Location** : Between the mountains Meru and Mandara and along the river Śailodā; they enjoyed the delightful shade of bamboos and reeds (*merumandarayor madhye śailodām abhito nadīm* | *ye te kīcakaveṇūnām chāyām ramyam upāsate*) 2. 48. 2. **B. Characterization** : They are described as mountaineers (*ekāśanājyohāḥ ... pārvatīyāḥ*) 2. 48. 3, 7. **C. Epic events** : Their kings brought as tribute for the