

after the *Antyas* or a mountain, one called after a bird, snake, or slave or with a terrifying name are forbidden for marriage, Kullūka, the commentator on *Manu* explains the word *Antya* as representing the Mlecchas.³⁵³ From the *Manu*³⁵⁴ it is clear that the Mlecchas spoke a different language than the Āryans.

The *Vāyu*, *Matsya* and *Brahmāṇḍa* Purāṇas state that the seven Himalayan rivers pass through the Mleccha countries.³⁵⁵ In the *Varāha Purāṇa*, a place named Lohārgala is stated to be ruled over by the Mleccha kings.³⁵⁶

The *Amara-kośa*³⁵⁷ describes the Kirātas, Śabarās and Pulindas as the *Mlecchajātis*. The *Bṛhat-Saṁhitā*³⁵⁸ places them in the West and describes them as unrighteous. It places them under the jurisdiction of *Maṅgala graha*³⁵⁹ and assigns them the region of *Rāhu graha*, inhabiting the mountain-tops, low-regions or the caves.³⁶⁰ In the 'life' of Hiuen Tsang, all places to the north of Lamgham district have been described as *Mi-li-ku*, i.e. frontier or Mleccha lands.³⁶¹

In the Ārya-mañjūśrī-Mūla-kalpa, the Mlecchas frequently appear as the companions of robbers.³⁶² In the *Kathāsarit-Sāgara*,³⁶³ the Mlecchas are connected with Sindh. They are stated to have killed brāhmaṇas, interfered with sacrifices, and carried off the daughters of hermits.³⁶⁴ The *Rājatarāṅgiṇī*³⁶⁵ mentions the Mlecchas as issuing forth from the valleys adjoining the Himalayas.

In medieval inscriptions, the name Mleccha has been applied indiscriminately to all foreigners.³⁶⁶ The Mleccha army of the Gwalior Praśasti of Bhoja consisted of the Arabs.³⁶⁷ The Mlecchas of the inscriptions of the medieval period refer to Muhammadans and the people of Baluchistan.³⁶⁸

The *Siddhānta-Kaumudī*³⁶⁹ describes the *Kṣudhunas* as the Mlecchas. In the Śaktisaṅgama Tantra (a work of the 17th century), we get reference to the Mleccha (verse 24), Mahāmleccha (verses 28, 30) and *Mleccha-mārga* (verse 31) where they are mentioned along with Pāñcāla, Kāmboja and Bāhlika and the Khurāśan country is described as the *Mleccha-mārga*.³⁷⁰

14. *Muruṇḍas* (No. 1, L.23) :

Muruṇḍa is mentioned in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta along with the terms *Daivaputra*, *Ṣāhi Ṣāhānuṣāhi* and *Śaka* as one compound expression.³⁷¹ Fleet takes