

10. Then I, becoming delighted, told them these words, Kṛṣṇa, you forget your fear at my behest.

11. I am the protector, always infused with love. Good will befall you. All this has happened at my will. There is no doubt in it.

12. Go to your abode along with Rādhā and your comrade. He will become a Dānava here in Bhārata, certainly.

13-14. At the proper time I shall redeem you from the curse". What I told thus Śrīkṛṣṇa and Rādhā accepted readily. Śrīkṛṣṇa the intelligent rejoiced and returned to his abode. There they engaged themselves in propitiating me and bidding their time.

15. Realising that everything is subject to my control and his will is not independent, Sudāmā became the lord of Dānavas as a result of the curse of Rādhā.

16. The virtuous demon Śaṅkhacūḍa distresses and harasses the gods always with his might. He is evil-minded to this extent.

17. He has been deluded by my deception and hence he seeks the help of evil ministers. But myself being the chastiser of the wicked you can get rid of his fear quickly".

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

18. O sage, by the time Śiva completed this expiation in front of Viṣṇu and Brahmā, another event happened there. Listen to it.

19. In the meantime Kṛṣṇa came there along with Rādhā and his attendant cowherds in order to propitiate Lord Śiva.

20. Devoutly bowing to the lord, meeting Viṣṇu with respect and honoured by Brahmā with love he stood there awaiting Śiva's behest.

21. Then he bowed again to Śiva with palms joined in reverence. Realising the principle of Śiva and getting rid of his delusion Kṛṣṇa eulogised Śiva.

*Lord Kṛṣṇa said:—*

22. O supreme God, lord of gods, Supreme Brahman