

*Brahmā said :—*

2. I approached lord Śiva who was staying in the Himālayan mountains in order to bring Him (to the house of Dakṣa). I was in a joyous mood.

3. On seeing me, the creator of the world, approaching, the bull-emblemēd Śiva had doubts about the acquisition of Satī.

4. Due to His real affection or as a part of His divine sports in conformity with the conventions of the world or due to the devotion of Satī, Śiva immediately spoke to me like an ordinary man.

*Śiva said :—*

5. O eldest of devas, what did your son (Daśa) do in the matter of Satī. Tell me lest my heart should be severed by the cupid.

6. This anxiety of separation, O eldest of devas, running between Satī and me attacks only me, leaving the other, the woman, who very well sustains her life.

7. O Brahmā, respect the name Satī. Let me do what shall be done. She is not different from me. She has to be attained by me. O Brahmā, act accordingly.

*Brahmā said :—*

8. O sage Nārada, on hearing the words of Śiva best speaking of His strict adherence to the conventions of the world I told Śiva, consoling Him.

9. O bull-emblemēd God, hear what my son told me regarding Satī. Rest assured that what you wanted to achieve has been achieved.

10. Dakṣa has said "My daughter shall go to Him. She has been intended for Him. This has been my desire." Now that you also say, it is all the more necessary that it shall be carried out.

11. For this purpose Śiva had been propitiated by my daughter. Now He too seeks her. Hence She has to be offered to Him by me.

12. Let Him come to me in an auspicious conjunction of stars. Then, O Brahmā, I shall offer my daughter to Him in the form of Alms.