

Kāma to ashes it began to blaze all round without burning anything.

3. A huge hue and cry was raised in the three worlds consisting of the mobile and immobile creatures. Immediately the gods and sages sought refuge in me.

4. All of them in their agitation bowed to and eulogised me with their palms joined in reverence and the heads bent down. They intimated to me their grief.

5. On hearing that I pondered over the reason for the same, and remembering Śiva humbly I went there in order to protect the three worlds.

6. That fire, out to burn everything, very brilliant with its shooting flames, was thwarted by me as I had the capacity by Śiva's grace.

7. O sage, then I made that fire of fury, out to burn the three worlds, tender in its blaze and mare-like in shape.

8. Taking that fire mare-like in form, at the will of Śiva, I, the lord of the worlds, went to the sea shore, for the benefit of the worlds.

9. O sage, on seeing me arrived there, the sea took a human form and approached me with palms joined in reverence.

10. Bowing to and duly eulogising me, the grandfather of all the worlds, the ocean said lovingly.

*The ocean said :—*

11-12. "O Brahmā, the lord of all, why have you come here? Please command me with pleasure knowing me to be your servant". On hearing the words of the ocean I remembered Śiva. I spoke with love in order to benefit the world.

*Brahmā said :—*

13. O dear, intelligent one, causing the welfare of all the worlds, O ocean, induced by Śiva's will, I shall explain to you.

14. This is the fire of fury of lord Śiva, the great lord. It is in the form of a mare now. After burning Kāma it was about to burn everything.