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30. Obeisance to Sadāśiva. Obeisance to Śiva, the lord of the worlds. Let my devotion to you steadily increase.

### Sanatkumāra said:—

31. After saying this, lord Viṣṇu the most excellent of the great devotees of Śiva stopped. Then all the Gods bowed to him and spoke to lord Śiva.

## The gods said:-

- 32. O lord of gods, O great god, O Siva, the merciful. Be pleased O lord of the worlds. Be pleased O supreme lord.
- 33. Be pleased. You are the creator of every thing. We bow to you joyously. Let our devotion to you be steady and endless.

## Sanatkumāra said:-

34. Thus eulogised by Brahmā, Viṣṇu and the Gods, Siva the benefactor of the worlds, the delighted lord of the gods, replied.

## Siva said :-

35. O Brahmā, O Viṣṇu, O gods, I am very much pleased with you all. All of you consider carefully and then let me know the boon you desire.

### Sanatkumāra said:—

36. On hearing these words mentioned by Siva, O excellent sage, all the Gods replied delightedly.

# The gods said:—

37-38. O lord, if you are pleased, if the boon is to be granted by you to us, O lord of the master of gods, after knowing that we the gods are your slaves, then O most excellent deity, be pleased to appear always whenever misery befalls us and destroy the misery.

#### Sanatkumāra said: -

39. Thus requested simultaneously by Brahmā, Viṣṇu and the gods, Rudra was pleased in his mind and he said "Let it be ever so.