

54. What has been executed by you shall be done by anyone. We have honoured it. It will not be altered now.

Brahmā said :—

55. After saying this and appeasing Gaṇeśa, the ocean of intelligence, they resolved to perform his marriage.

CHAPTER TWENTY

(The celebration of Gaṇeśa's marriage)

Brahmā said :—

1. In the meantime Prajāpati Viśvarūpa became delighted and happy on knowing their intention.

2. Prajāpati Viśvarūpa had two daughters of divine features. They were famous as Siddhi and Buddhi.¹⁷⁰ They were exquisite in every part of their body.

3. The lord Śiva and Pārvatī, jubilantly celebrated the marriage of Gaṇeśa with them.

4. The delighted gods attended their marriage as desired by Śiva and Pārvatī.

5. Viśvakarman made all arrangements for the marriage. The sages and the gods were full of great joy.

6. The happiness that Gaṇeśa derived by virtue of this marriage, O sage, cannot be adequately described.

7. After some time, the noble Gaṇeśa begot two sons, one each of his wives. They were endowed with divine features.

8. The son Kṣema was born to Siddhi. The highly brilliant son Lābha was born to Buddhi.

9. While Gāṇeśa was enjoying the inconceivable happiness, the second son returned after circumambulating the earth.

10. Thereupon he was addressed by Nārada, the great soul. "I am speaking the truth, no lies. I am not actuated by deception or rivalry.

11. What has been done by Śiva and Pārvatī your

170. Siddhi and Buddhi were the two daughters of the progenitor Viśvarūpa and these were married to Gaṇeśa. Siddhi gave birth to Kṣema and Lābha was born of Buddhi.