

“May the rite be formally started after narrating the Tithi etc. The auspicious hour has come.”

5. After saying “So be it”, the excellent brahmins who knew the proper time proclaimed the Tithi etc. very delightedly.

6. Then Himācala mentally urged with pleasure by lord Śiva, the cause of great enjoyment, smilingly spoke to Śiva.

7. “O Śiva, please do not delay. Please mention your genealogy, saintly lineage,¹⁰⁸ family, name and your Veda along with your branch of the Vedas.”

Brahmā said:—

8. On hearing these words of Himavat, Śiva of sweet face, turned His face away. He without sorrow attained a pitiable plight.

9. When lord Śiva stood thus unable to say anything in reply and was seen so by the gods, sages, Gandharvas, Yakṣas, and Siddhas, O Nārada, you did something laughable.

10. Urged by Śiva mentally O Nārada, you, the knower of Brahman with mind fixed in Śiva, played on your Vīṇā.

11. You were forbidden strictly by the lord of mountains, Viṣṇu, gods, sages and by me.

12. When at the will of Śiva you did not desist from it, you were again spoken to thus by the mountain then—
“Do not play on the Vīṇā now.”

13. O celestial sage, O wise one, when you were thus strenuously forbidden, you remembered Śiva and spoke to the lord of the mountains.

Nārada said:—

14. You have been utterly deluded. You do not know

108. Before the bride is given away to the bridegroom, the names of the ancestors of both the parties with Gotra and Pravara are announced loudly so that the people assembled should know that both, the bride and the bridegroom, come of good families, the pedigree of which can be traced to many generations. The ceremony is called Gotroccāra in the Gṛhya-sūtras.