

shall humbly bow down his head. He shall then make a formal request and perform the rite of ritualistic farewell.

64. O foremost among sages, thus have I explained to you the procedure for the worship of the phallic image that accords worldly pleasures, salvation and increases devotion to Śiva.

65-66. Whoever reads or listens to this chapter with a pure mind shall be purified of all sins and shall attain all wishes. This excellent narration bestows longevity, health, fame, heaven and happiness by way of sons and grandsons.

## CHAPTER TWENTYONE

*(The number of phallic images of Śiva used in worship for fulfilment of desires)*

*The sages said :—*

1-2. O Sūta, O Sūta the fortunate, disciple of Vyāsa, obeisance be to Thee. Thou hast clearly explained the procedure of the worship of the earthen phallic images. Now kindly explain the number of phallic images as based on the wishes one may have. Thou art favourably disposed to the distressed and the miserable.

*Sūta said :—*

3. O sages, you listen to the rules of procedure in the worship of earthen phallic image, by following which a man reaps full satisfaction.

4. If any one worships another deity without making the earthen phallic image, his worship shall be fruitless. His restraint and charitable gifts go in vain.

5. The number of earthen phallic images in regard to different desires is being stipulated which will, O foremost among sages, certainly yield the benefit.

6. The first invocation, installation and worship are

of Śiva assumed the form of a goat while Dakṣa became a deer and escaped. A devotee who imitates the sound of a terror-struck goat in the presence of the phallic image of Śiva pleases the God.