

51. O dear one, I shall conceive and create that lovely woman who will finally captivate.

52. When Kāma was thus addressed by me (Brahmā), he was delighted and he fell at my feet along with his wife and offered obeisance.

53. He bowed to Dakṣa and paid respects to my mental sons. He then went to the place where Śiva, the supreme Soul had gone.

CHAPTER NINE

(The power of Kāma and the birth of his attendants)

Brahmā said :—

1. O great sage, when Kāma went to Śiva's abode along with his attendants an adversely surprising incident occurred to which listen please.

2. After going there, the heroic Kāma competent to enchant others spread all his wiles and charmed all living beings.

3. O sage, spring too showed his prowess in order to delude Śiva. All the trees simultaneously bloomed.

4. Kāma and Rati played many a trick. All living beings fell victims of their wiles but not Śiva, the lord of Gaṇas.

5. O sage, the efforts of Kāma who was accompanied by spring were futile. He returned to his residence being cured of his arrogance.

6. O sage, Kāma saluted me, and bereft of arrogance and completely despondent he told me in faltering voice.

Kāma said :—

7. O Brahmā, Śiva, an expert in Yogic practices cannot be charmed. Neither I nor anyone else has the power to enchant Śiva.

8. O Brahmā, different tricks were tried by me and