

*Śiva's Gaṇas said:—*

7. "Listen. We are the excellent Gaṇas of Śiva. We are his doorkeepers. We have come here to throw you out at the bidding of lord Śiva.

8. Considering you too, as one of the Gaṇas, we are not going to kill you. Otherwise you would have been killed. Better stay away yourself. Why do you court death ?"

*Brahmā said :—*

9. Though warned thus, Gaṇeśa, the son of Pārvatī, stood fearless. He did not leave his post at the door. He rebuked Śiva's Gaṇas.

10. After hearing his words, the Gaṇas of Śiva went back and informed Śiva about his stand.

11. O sage, on hearing their words, lord Śiva of wonderful divine sports, following the worldly conventions rebuked his Gaṇas.

*Lord Śiva said :—*

12. "Who is this fellow ? What does he say ? He is standing there haughtily as though he is our enemy. What will that wicked knave do ? Certainly he wants to die.

13. Why ? Are you dastardly eunuchs to stand here helplessly and complain to me about him. Let this new door-keeper be thrown out."

*Brahmā said :—*

14. Thus commanded by lord Śiva of wonderful sports the Gaṇas returned to the place and spoke to the door-keeper.

*Śiva's Gaṇas said:—*

15. O gatekeeper, who are you standing here ? Why have you been stationed here ? Why don't you care for us. How can you thus remain alive ?

16. We are here the duly appointed doorkeepers. What are you saying ? A jackal sitting on a lion's seat wishes for happiness.

17. O fool, you will roar only as long as you do not