

I have agreed to marry her and have already granted her that boon.

37. What is the use of talking too much ? Himavat must be convinced. Menā too must be convinced similarly, so that the purpose of the gods shall be served well.

38. Whatever mode is selected by you shall be more than necessary. The task is yours. You alone are the sharers of the credit.

*Brahmā said :—*

39. On hearing these words, the seven sages of pure mind became delighted and thought themselves blessed by the lord.

40. “We have become blessed and contented in every respect. We have become venerable to every one, especially adorable.

41. He who is worthy of being respected by Brahmā and Viṣṇu, he who secures everything accomplished is sending us, his emissaries on an errand that is conducive to the happiness of all the worlds.

42. He is the master of the worlds and their father. She is considered the mother. Let this proper alliance increase for ever like the moon”.

43. Saying thus the celestial sages bowed to Śiva and went by aerial path in the direction of the city of Himavat.

44. On seeing that city of heavenly splendour, the sages were surprised. Expatiating on their good fortune they spoke to one another.

*The sages said :—*

45. We are really blessed and meritorious in being able to see this city<sup>50</sup> because we have been engaged in a task like this.

46. This city seems to be better than Alakā,<sup>51</sup> heaven,<sup>52</sup>

50. Himavatpura is probably identical with Auśadhiprastha, the capital of Himavat. See Note 10. P. 490.

51. See Note 226 P. 265.

52. It signifies the heaven of Indra which is supposed to be situated on Mount Meru.