

Nandin, the lord of leading Pramathas laughingly spoke to Nandin, the chief of all lords of Gaṇas.

*Śiva said:—*

46. O Nandin, go very quickly and seize that great brahmin from the midst of the Daityas and bring him here like a vulture bringing the bird quail.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

47. Thus commanded by the bull-bannered deity Nandin bellowed like a bull and roared like a lion. Moving fast through the army he reached the place where the bright scion of the family of Bhārgavas was sitting.

48. Harassing and exciting the Daityas, Nandin snatched off Śukra well guarded by all the Daityas who had in their hands, nooses, swords trees, boulders and mountains, like the mythological animal Śarabha snatching off an elephant.

49. The demons followed him roaring like lions to get him released even as his cloth became loose, his ornaments fell off and his tuft of hair got untied as he was caught tightly by the strong Nandin.

50. The leading Dānavas showered on Nandiśvara, thunderbolts, spears, swords, axes, staffs, discus and other missiles like clouds making a fierce downpour.

51. When the combat between the Asuras and gods deepened, the chief of Gaṇas burnt hundreds of the weapons of the enemy by the fire originating from his mouth and reached Śiva taking Bhārgava with him.

52. "O lord, here is Bhārgava", saying this he handed him over to Śiva immediately. The lord of gods caught hold of Bhārgava like a present offered by a devotee.

53. Without saying anything, the protector of the Bhūtas, thrust Bhārgava into his mouth like a fruit. The Asuras shouted loudly "Alas ! Alas."